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SPORTS

Varsity girls start strong in 57-45 win vs. Elk Rapids



The Grayling Vikings started strong and finished strong, defeating the visiting Elk Rapids Elks by 12, 57-45, in a varsity girls basketball league game during which the Vikings outscored their opponent 19-4 in the first 9:30 of regulation. Elk Rapids caught up in the middle two quarters, but the Vikings opened the fourth period with an 8-0 run and outscored their opponent 21-15 overall in the final eight minutes of the contest. **Page 11**

Vikings move into 2nd place in LMC with two more wins



Grayling moved into second place in the Lake Michigan Conference varsity boys basketball standings with two more league wins last week. The Vikings are 8-2 in the LMC. Traverse City St. Francis, at 10-0, currently leads the conference.

On Friday night, the Vikings defeated the visiting Kalkaska Blazers 66-30. **Page 13**

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Snowgoing held at Grayling High School

Snowgoing, which is equivalent to a winter homecoming, was held at Grayling High School last week. Students took part in themed dress days and various contests throughout the week. Snowgoing was capped off with a semi-formal dance, which had the theme "Winter Wonderland." Above, Rachel Cooper and Griffin Dean were crowned the Snowgoing queen and king. Below, the sophomore class, which will graduate in 2014, won the Snowgoing spirit belt.



Citizens protest child protective procedures

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

Nearly a dozen people protested police and social worker's procedures for taking a child into custody, following the shooting of a Grayling man earlier this month.

Protesters marched in a circle on Michigan Avenue chanting, "If this is procedure, procedure needs to change."

William Craig Reddie, age 32, was shot by a Crawford County Sheriff's Deputy on Feb. 3.

The deputy and a Grayling City Police Officer were at Reddie's apartment with Department of Human Services (DHS) employees to serve a court order to remove his 2-year-old son from his custody.

During the removal of the child, a DHS employee alerted police that Reddie was brandishing a knife as he lunged forward.

The deputy holstered his Taser, and drew his firearm, firing one fatal round.

The deputy involved, who was not identified, was placed on administrative leave until completion of the investigation.

Police and DHS employees were at Reddie's apartment earlier that day.

Grayling resident Janet Ledger said police had opportunities to restrain Reddie before he put his child, the social workers and himself in jeopardy.

"He just had a reputation of being Will," Ledger said. "It just shouldn't have happened. I feel they had opportunities to restrain Will with some non-lethal means."

Ledger believes that a special team of social workers and authorities needs to be put together to deal with parents, when they are distraught.

"Will was a good father and he was a great friend," Ledger said.

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Rialto Theatre launches monthly film club movies

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

Grayling's historic Rialto Theatre gave the community and northern Michigan a late Christmas-New Year's Day gift with the formation of a film club, which shows movies that fly under the radar screen.

The Rialto Film Club was founded by George Stancil and his son, Jordan Stancil.

The first movie premiered the week between Christmas and New Year's Day, with the showing of "La Havre," a French movie with English subtitles.

"It was a very charming, charming movie," Stancil said.

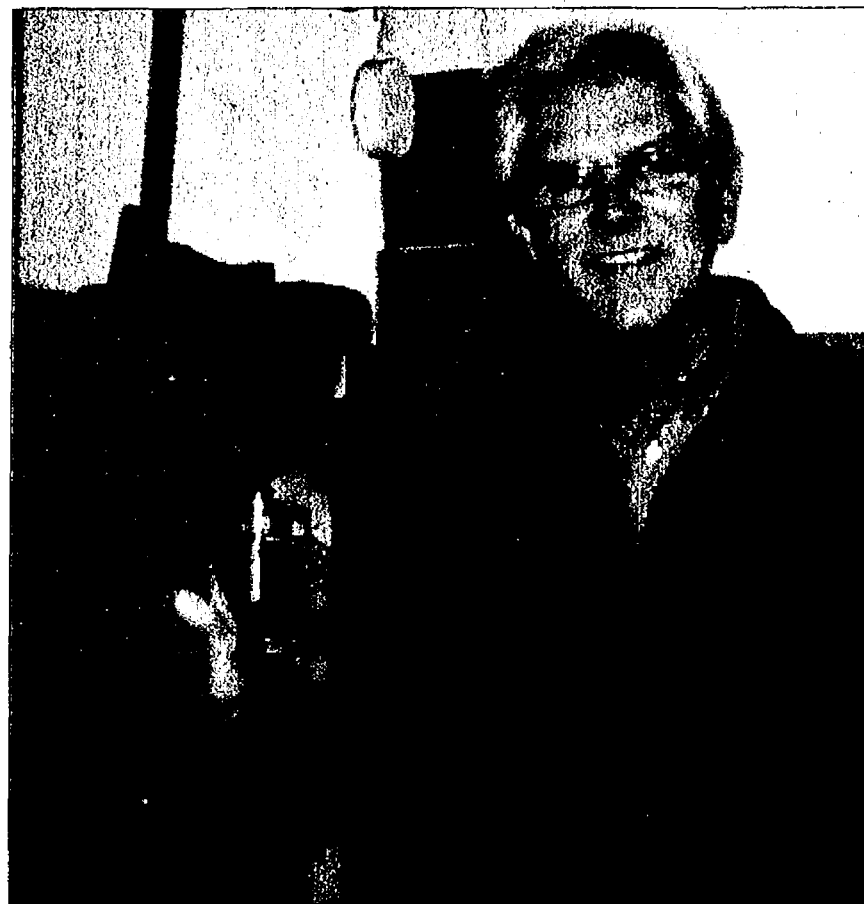
Stancil said La Havre

came to Grayling from Chicago, and then was shipped to the Detroit Institute of Arts, where it was shown for several days, which helps explain what the Rialto Film Club is trying to accomplish.

"What we're looking for is independent and foreign movies that are distributed outside of the commercial market," Stancil said. "They are very good and thought-provoking. There are some terrific movies out there, but they are not done with the marketing muscle of a big studio behind them."

The film club plans to show a movie once a

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Grayling's historic Rialto Theatre gave the community and northern Michigan a late Christmas-New Year's Day gift with the formation of a film club, which shows movies that fly under the radar screen. Left, George Stancil is pictured by the projector at the theater, which has been a fixture in Grayling since 1915.

Photo by Dan Sanderson

Oldsmobile Outdoor Club holds Winterfest in Grayling

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

Crawford County's history as a tourism destination has been long-linked to automobile pioneers like Henry Ford, Harvey Firestone, John Horace Dodge and Charles Nash, who came to the area for fishing and hunting.

Last weekend, between 300 to 400 members of the Oldsmobile Outdoor Club were in Grayling for the organization's annual Winterfest. The club includes workers and retirees from General Motors plants and United Auto Workers Unions based in Lansing and the surrounding area.

The Oldsmobile Outdoor Club was started in 1943 by avid sportsmen, who worked at the Oldsmobile Plant in Lansing and were members of the UAW

Local 652.

Winterfest was one of the first events organized by the club.

"They wanted it to be a family weekend that was just for them to go ice fishing and to have a great time," said Mike Bokovoy, president of the Oldsmobile Outdoor Club.

For several years, the club held Winterfest in Houghton Lake. Then, they moved to Cadillac and fished on Lake Mitchell.

The club moved back to Houghton Lake for the last couple of years, because Cadillac tourism officials wanted the club to come during the first weekend in March.

"A lot of us didn't want to come in March because the weather was too iffy," Bokovoy.

Bokovoy came through

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Left, a family is pictured fishing from an ice shanty on Lake Margrethe during the Oldsmobile Outdoor Club's Winterfest.

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The team finished with a record of 16 wins and two losses. It also took second place at a Manton tournament and participated in a tournament at the Turtle Creek Casino.

Along with the physical activity, Alice Snyder, the director of the Crawford County Commission on Aging (COA), said Wii bowling practices and games help forge friendships and camaraderie.

"That's the nice thing about it," Snyder said. "Seniors don't have to come every single time and to every single game. If they are sick or if they have something going on, they sub in and out and it works really well."

Wii bowling was introduced at the Grayling Senior Center in 2010.

Adding the competition to the mix has energized the seniors, who are eager to add to their winning record this year.

"Before it was just playing for fun," Snyder said. "It doesn't get boring now, because they practice and they know the next game is coming up and there is something to work towards."

The Grayling Senior Center's Wii bowling is facing a good-new-bad-news situation as it prepares to hit the road for 2012 season. The good news is they have a schedule with at least two games per month. The bad news is they still face finding transportation to get to the games.

Last year, the Resurrection Life Church let the Grayling Senior Center use its bus, which was equipped with a wheelchair lift, to travel to away games. The church bus is out of commission and no longer available, Snyder said.

Now, the Grayling Senior Center is seeking sponsorship for its Wii bowling team. About \$1,400 is needed for travel costs and T-shirts, which will cost about \$200, will be purchased for the team. The name of the sponsor or multiple sponsors will be displayed on the T-shirts if the funds come to fruition.

"That might be a hefty amount for one group or business to handle," Snyder



Photos by Dan Sanderson

Above, Van VanDeCastele became a member of the Grayling Senior Center's Wii bowling team last year.



Above, Beverly Wilcox, a Wii bowling team member, said she enjoys the camaraderie along with the physical exercise.

said.

The COA will pay the Crawford County Transportation Authority to bus the seniors to their games in northern Michigan.

When the seniors travel to other seniors centers, they see the facilities, read newsletters, learn about activities and eat meals. Snyder said a game at the Kalkaska Senior Center resulted in a tasty coleslaw recipe coming back to Grayling, which is now being served.

"They pick up on things," Snyder said. "I think it's just fun to be interactive with other groups versus just playing themselves every week. It gives it a little more variety."

Beverly Wilcox, a Wii bowling team member, said she enjoys the camaraderie along with the physical exercise.

"There is just a nice bunch of people here," Wilcox said.

Dawn Kelly has the same feeling about the team.

"We have a ball," Kelly said. "This is just a great group."

Barb McCray, who is a team leader along with Karen Gribb, is looking forward to upcoming games.

"We would like to get more people involved and sponsorship is important of course," McCray said.

Van VanDeCastele became a member of the team last year. He said he was looking for something to do after his wife Emogene, who he was married to for 52 years, passed away in September 2010.

"It gives me something to do rather than sit at home and look at the four walls," VanDeCastele said.

Along with the schedule of games with senior centers in the region, employees from the Mobile Medical Response Ambulance Service have challenged the Grayling senior to a Wii bowling match.

"We'll handle them," said Joyce Sorenson, while practicing and cheering team members on last week.

For more information on Wii bowling at the Grayling Senior Center or to help sponsor the team, contact Helen Nolan at 348-7123.

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Almanack

by Richard Milliman

Michigan primary may be important after all

MONTHS AGO when Michigan Republicans decided to hold a presidential primary on February 28, many scoffers thought it would cost a lot of taxpayer money and it wouldn't really mean anything anyway.

These scoffers – including me – were right about the primary costing lots of money, but wrong about its meaning.

As it turns out, the struggle for the Republican nomination for president this year is still quite inconclusive, with four realistic candidates still in the running, and the home state favorite – Michigan native Mitt Romney – not a sure thing at all to carry the state where he grew up.

Main reasons Michigan Republicans cited for a primary were to focus national attention here, as well as to attract a horde of political spending to Michigan, although much of that likely will go to television stations.

Arizona also will hold a Republican primary on February 28.

The combined results from Michigan and Arizona could be a boost up for somebody – or could only add to the undetermined status that exists going into the next big step on the road to the nomination on Super Tuesday, March 6, when 10 states hold primaries or caucuses.

In the February 28 Michigan election, many local government units across the state also will have local ballot decisions to be made, but the presidential question is the only statewide issue.

AT THIS POINT, all four surviving Republican candidates are likely to spend a lot of time in Michigan before February 28, and our collective sensibilities are likely to be insulted by a ton of television commercials and other political campaigning, mostly of a negative nature.

Mitt Romney still must be considered the most likely candidate to win the Michigan primary, but his

margin is apt to be much slimmer than home state Republican leaders had expected when they insisted on holding a party primary.

Former Sen. Rick Santorum has seen to that, with his remarkable surge in grass roots Republican support in the last few contested states, mostly from down-the-line conservatives.

Mr. Santorum has said he "expects to do exceptionally well" in Michigan and promises to "spend a lot of time" here in the next couple of weeks. He seems serious about winning the GOP nomination, and so are his supporters.

ALL FOUR active candidates will be on the Republican ballot.

Former Speaker Newt Gingrich, who won the South Carolina primary, and Rep. Ron Paul, who was a close second to Mr. Romney in the Maine caucuses – undoubtedly will display their own individualistic styles of rhetoric-based, ideas-laced campaigning.

Mr. Romney has won in more contested states, either in primary voting or in caucus results, than any of the four remaining candidates. However, in all cases so far he has received a plurality of votes, but not a majority.

In simpler terms, to date fewer Republicans have voted for Mitt Romney than have voted for a combination of the other candidates, a development generally ascribed to an ultra-conservative Republican base that is not satisfied with Mr. Romney as their preferred champion, but divided on which other one should be the alternative.

As both Mr. Gingrich and Mr. Santorum have suggested, the decision on who will face President Obama in the November general election may not be decided until the national GOP nominating convention in August.

TO VOTE in the February 28 primary, Michiganians must openly identify themselves as either Republicans or Democrats. Independents

don't count.

Lists of party identification will be available after polls close, and party activists certainly will cherish the lists of who voted where.

Michigan Democrats never wanted this presidential primary in the first place. Their candidate already is inevitable, and party leaders prefer the caucus system to formally endorse President Obama this year. That will happen on May 5 when preferred Democratic candidates for other statewide offices will be selected for the regular August primary.

Democrats can vote in the February 28 presidential primary, too, but their ballot choice is limited to Mr. Obama or a spot for "Undecided."

Of course, there's nothing to stop Democrats from picking up a GOP ballot to help Republicans in their search for a candidate. Their names then would be included on public lists of Republican primary voters.

The Republican ballot will include names of 11 persons who were candidates when the ballot was adopted, including the four still left in the formal running.

Dropouts still listed include Michele Bachmann, Herman Cain, Jon Huntsman and Rick Perry, as well as self starters Gary Johnson of New Mexico, Fred Karger of California, and Buddy Roemer of Louisiana.

NO MATTER the results or the influence of the Michigan primary year, Michigan taxpayers will get stuck for the bill ... an estimated \$10 million.

Will our presidential primary be worth the price?

In the grand scheme of things, probably not.

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Letters to the Editor

Museums are an important part of local economy

To the editor:

What is a museum? There are many definitions. Among those with currency today are, in no particular order, pillars in our educational infrastructure, protectors and interpreters of our historical, scientific and cultural heritages and bastions of authenticity in an increasingly virtual world. Yet in a stubbornly stagnant economy, museums can be seen as crucial economic cogs for communities, large and small, all across America.

These days, museums are serving what is perhaps an unexpected function for U.S. communities, but a role our institutions have served for decades: as economic engines, creating jobs and generating business for companies large and small, but particularly small, in communities everywhere.

In direct expenditures alone, museums annually inject more than \$20 billion into the U.S. economy. America's estimated 17,500 museums employ more than 400,000 individuals. And perhaps most compelling in these times of tightening local budgets – and the slash and burn approach to budgeting at the federal level – was a recent U.S. Council of Mayors study that found that, for every \$1 invested in cultural institutions (including museums), municipalities saw \$7 in tax revenues come into their coffers. That's a rate of return that would make even Warren Buffett swoon.

And that astounding return is due to the thriving cultural tourism industry in our country. According to the U.S. Department of

Commerce, cultural tourism accounts for \$192 billion in economic activity annually. And many of those monies are spent with the local eateries, the local bed and breakfast, or the local gift shops in communities across the country.

And museums have long been cultural destinations in and of themselves. Trips including cultural and heritage activities comprise one of the most popular and significant segments of the travel industry, accounting for 23% of domestic trips. And clearly those trips generate economic activity for local businesses. Visitors to historic sites and cultural attractions, including museums, stay 53% longer and spend 36% more money than other kinds of tourists.

One need look no further than Crawford County to see the impact museums have on local economy. Crawford County is truly fortunate that it has so many significant museums and historic sites within its boundaries. The Depot Museum, Beal Plantation, CCC Museum, Coke Museum at Dawsons, the Lovells Museum and the Douglas Hotel are all significant points of cultural interest. Even more significant is the fact that two of Crawford County's museums are Open Air Museums and as a result are often considered destinations by the traveling public. Hartwick Pines and Wellington Farm are looked upon by many visitors to the area as the focal point of their vacation where families can spend an entire day experiencing the realities of a bygone era.

How do museums generate such economic benefits? The enduring popularity of museums is a major factor. Right here in Crawford County, the number of visitors attracted annually by its museums would closely equal the number in attendance for the Canoe Marathon. Nationwide, there are an estimated 850 million museum visits each year – that's more than attendance at all professional sporting events and theme parks combined. Witness the fact that the Smithsonian Institution alone attracts 30 million visits each year.

All of this is to share the value museums bring to our communities every day, as economic sparks, as pillars of our education system, and as major contributors to the overall quality of life here in America. We will be conveying that message to our elected leaders on Capitol Hill on Feb. 28, when more than 300 museum professionals from around the country journey to Washington to make our case to Congress. If you value our local museums, we urge you to join us by contacting your elected officials, at all levels of government. The American Association of Museums' website (www.speakupformuseums.org) has a range of tools to help you. Museums are vital to our communities and their economies. Help us keep our museums and our communities strong by lending your voice to ours, ensuring that the cause of museums is heard on Feb. 28.

Howard Taylor
Grayling

What happened to the sworn oath of office?

To the editor:

In the Avalanche headlines of the police killing the father of the 2 year old son, we see no mention of an eminent or immediate life threatening danger to the child, particularly one that would cause to shoot and kill the father. This in turn, begs the question, "Is the taser now just used on a weaponless victim?"

The sheriff said, "The most important point was to take the child into protec-

tive custody." What happened to the sworn oath of office of all of the involved officers take to uphold the Constitution, the supreme law of the land being the most important point, which provides for the individual rights, privileges and immunities, which include protection from invasion by government, you know, The Bill of Rights.

Don Welser
Grayling

Letters to the Editor

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Briefs

COA to host fraud protection event

The COA and Senior Center will host an evening presentation to assist seniors in protecting themselves from fraud. Detective Sgt. John Wybraniec of the Roscommon County Sheriff Department will focus on the topics of why seniors are targeted, how to recognize senior scams, how to protect yourself from fraud and what to do if you are a victim. This free presentation will be at 6 p.m. on Feb. 22 at 308 Lawndale Street in Grayling. For additional information call 989-348-7123.

Crawford County Dems to meet

The Crawford County Democrats will meet on Feb. 21, 6 p.m., at the Grayling Charter Township Hall. All are welcome.

Eagles to have burgers available

Burgers are back at the Grayling Eagles 3465, every third Monday starting Feb. 20, 12 to 6 p.m. Burgers with chips and cole slaw or cheese burger with chips and cole slaw and french fries will be available. The public is welcome. To go orders also available, call 989-348-5287.

Secretary of State to close

All state branch offices and the Office of the Great Seal will be closed on Monday, Feb. 20 in observance of President's Day.

Grayling Little League to meet

Grayling Little League will conduct its monthly board meeting on Sunday, Feb. 19 at 6 p.m. in the Grayling High School conference room. Board meetings are open to the public and parents are encouraged to attend.

County Republicans to meet

The Crawford County Republicans will hold their first meeting of the year at the Crawford County courthouse on Feb. 21, at 5 p.m. All interested parties are invited to attend.

Shelter to hold pet shot clinic

A pet vaccination clinic at the shelter on Feb. 18, from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. This will be a walk-in clinic. Rabies shots will be given for \$14 each and other shots will be available. If the animal is eligible for the 3 year rabies shot we ask that owners please bring the previous rabies shot certificate.

Community calendar available online

The Crawford County Avalanche has a community calendar on their new Web site. To view area happenings, or to be considered for publication of your event, go to crawfordcountyavalanche.com, click on community and go to the community calendar.

Local United Way accepting funding requests

Crawford County United Way (CCUW) is heading into its annual allocation season and is seeking applications from local agencies and organizations for fund distribution throughout 2012-2013.

Last year, CCUW distributed funds to 16 local agencies as well as helped students with school supplies, created the LIVE UNITED Community Service Award scholarship, and helped our neighbors with free discount prescription drug cards through our FamilyWise Community Service partnership.

The mission of the United Way movement is to increase the organized capacity of people to care for one another. Through a single community-wide campaign, United Way volunteers raise funds to support local agency service providers.

"Our relationship with everyone in this community has helped us help many people in a variety of ways for many years," said Cheryl Ruley, CCUW executive director. "The generosity comes from every age group, every income level, and every neighborhood. We care about each other and it shows."

However, the CCUW's 2012-2013 funding base is down significantly from last year, approximately \$15,000, due to a reduction in outside funding sources. "We're going to have a difficult time keeping agency

funding to last year's levels, and with more of our family, neighbors and friends now in need, we need support from businesses and individuals more than ever," Ruley explained.

Agencies applying for funding from CCUW must be a charitable health and human service organization, fully describe their array of services, demonstrate how they meet local needs, and prove their cost-effectiveness and accountability to the community.

The board of directors makes the decisions about how the funds will be disseminated. The board assesses the community's human service needs, meets with service providers to discuss funding requirements when necessary, and approves the funding level for the various programs and agencies.

"Once again this year, we will not be mailing out application packets to prior recipients," said Karen Halley, president of CCUW. "Every penny is important, so we are asking that all previous recipients and new requesters please contact us immediately for an application to help save on printing and mailing costs."

To receive an application, email crawforduw@gmail.com or call (989) 350-4462. The deadline to submit applications is April 2, 2012.

Donations should be sent to CCUW, P.O. Box 171, Grayling, MI 49738. All donations are tax deductible and stay in our community.

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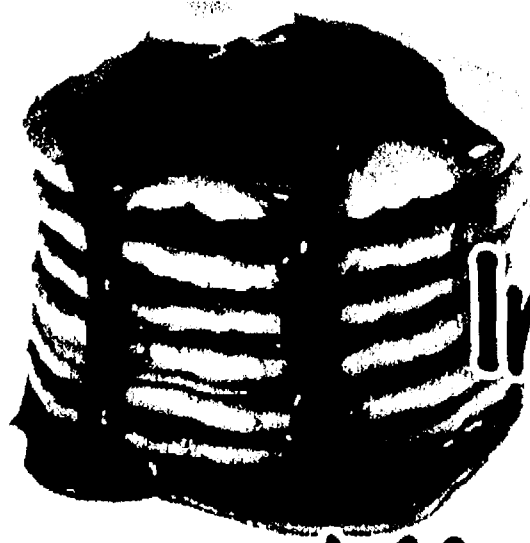
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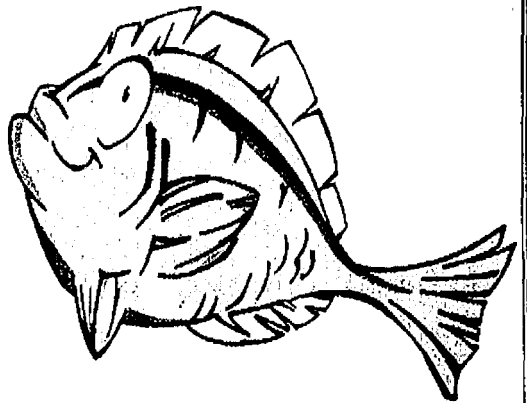
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The Bible Speaks

Please Your Neighbor

Romans 15:1 taught us to help the weak rather than please ourselves. "IWe then that are strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak, and not to please ourselves." Romans 15:2 teaches us to please our neighbor by building him up. "2Let every one of us please his neighbour for his good to edification."

Pleasing our neighbor does not mean compromise of our faith or truth. In essentials we must be servants of Christ. (Galatians 1:10). We cannot compromise our trust by weakening or watering down His gospel. (1 Thessalonians 2:4; Galatians 1:6-9). Yet, in non-essentials Paul said in 1 Corinthians 10:33: "33Even as I please all men in all things, not seeking mine own profit, but the profit of many, that they may be saved." Like our Savior, we can be a friend to sinners without sacrificing our moral convictions.

First, there are no exceptions to this rule. "2Let every one of us please his neighbour..." Some of the ways we can please God and our neighbor is by not threatening, harming, or killing him. "24Cursed be he that smiteth his neighbour secretly. And all the people shall say, Amen." (Deuteronomy 27:24). "29Devise not evil against thy neighbour, seeing he dwelleth securely by thee." (Proverbs 3:29). "Thou shalt not kill." (Exodus 20:13). Jesus said in Matthew 19:18, "Thou shalt do no murder." Respect human life.

Please your neighbor by respecting your neighbor's home and family. "14Thou shalt not commit adultery." (Exodus 20:14). "32But whoso committeth adultery with a woman lacketh understanding: he that doeth it destroyeth his own soul." (Proverbs 6:32).

Please your neighbor by respecting your neighbor's

property. "Thou shalt not steal." (Exodus 20:15). "3That they may do evil with both hands earnestly, the prince asketh, and the judge asketh for a reward; and the great man, he uttereth his mischievous desire: so they wrap it up." (Micah 7:3).

Please your neighbor by respecting your neighbor's honor and integrity. Be honest with your neighbor. "11Ye shall not steal, neither deal falsely, neither lie one to another." (Leviticus 9:11). "16Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour." (Exodus 20:16).

Please your neighbor by respecting your neighbor's blessings. Don't lust after or covet anything your neighbor has. "17Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that is thy neighbour's."

If we obey God's commandment to love our neighbor as ourselves, we won't break God's other commandments. "9For this, Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt not kill, Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt not bear false witness, Thou shalt not covet; and if there be any other commandment, it is briefly comprehended in this saying, namely, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. We also please our neighbor by obeying God's golden rule: "12Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them: for this is the law and the prophets." We please our neighbor by having a forgiving spirit. "12And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors." (Matthew 6:11). Pastor "B"

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Senior Citizen News

Join us for a meal either at noon or 5 p.m. weekdays, except Friday, when there is no evening meal. Soup or salad bar served prior to the meal Monday through Thursday.

This week's menu (lunch/dinner) and activities:

Friday, Feb. 17 - Lunch - roast beef, mashed potatoes with gravy, corn and orange sections. No Dinner. 10 a.m. card golf, 12 p.m. Lovells Satellite Meal, 1 p.m. Pantry Bingo and pool - 9 Ball.

Monday, Feb. 20 - Lunch - breaded chicken sandwich, peas, potato salad and a fresh orange. Dinner - Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes with gravy, Prince Charles vegetable blend and apricots. 10 a.m. quilting, 12:30 p.m. Zumba Gold, 1 p.m. Bridge, 1:30 p.m. Clogging, 2:30 p.m. Bunco, 1 p.m. - 4 p.m. Hearing Clinic.

Tuesday, Feb. 21 - Lunch - salmon patty, baked potato, corn, winter blend vegetable and pears. Dinner - stuffed peppers, carrots, sliced beets and fruit cocktail. 10 a.m. Bible Study and Zumba Gold, 1 p.m.

Euchre, 4 p.m. - 5 p.m. blood pressure/sugar checks.

Wednesday, Feb. 22 - Lunch - stuffed Florentine shells, broccoli, cauliflower and peaches. Birthday Dinner - herb marinated chicken breast, oven roasted potatoes, stewed tomatoes, plums and cake and ice cream. 10 a.m. line dancing, 1 p.m. pool - Ball in Hand, Wii bowling, Mahjong, COA Board meeting, 5 p.m. Glen's Birthday Dinner, school bond election presentation, 6 p.m. Get the Scoop on Fraud.

Thursday, Feb. 23 - Lunch - beef burrito, lettuce and tomato, rice, green beans, mandarin oranges and cookies. Dinner - pepperoni pizza, asparagus, coleslaw and sliced apples. Wii Bowling at Bellaire, 10 a.m. crafting and Pokeno, 1 p.m. UNO Attack, Unlucky 7's and pool - 8 Ball, 3 pm. Medicine Shoppe Bingo.

The Crawford County Commission on Aging's Senior Center is located at 308 Lawndale, behind Burger King in Grayling. Walk-ins are welcome.

Sheriff's Report

Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield reports his office handled the following 65 complaints the week of Feb. 6 - Feb. 12.

One delinquent minor-incorrigibility, one natural death, 15 general non-criminal complaints, one assault and battery/simple assault, one burglary/home invasion, one larceny-pocket picking, one larceny, one fraudulent activities, one liquor violations-transport, two disorderly conduct complaints, one public peace complaint, one operating with a blood alcohol

content of 17 percent or more, two operating while intoxicated complaints, one portable signal preemption device, one animals out of season-over the limit, three miscellaneous arrests, 14 traffic accidents, one traffic violations-civil infraction, six inspections-property, five investigations-family trouble and one driving on revoked/suspended license.

Sheriff Wakefield asks, "Do you know where your children are? Please remember, our children are our future."

Range Firing

Range activities scheduled at Camp Grayling for the period Feb. 23-29:

The 40 Complex, air to ground, located north of County Rd. 612, east of Guthrie Lake, south of Old State Rd. 618, and west of County Rd. F97 (Twin Bridge Rd.), Feb. 23-34 and 28-29.

Small arms ranges, located north of Howe Road, east of the gas pipeline, south of Portage Creek and

west of Lake Margrethe, Feb. 23.

This firing schedule is subject to change without notice.

Contact the Grayling Department of Natural Resources for the areas closed for hunting within the boundaries of the installation. Grayling DNR telephone number: 989-348-6371. For further information call 989-344-6100.

Library News

The Friends of the Crawford County Library will meet at Devereaux Memorial Library on Tuesday, Feb. 21 at 1:30 p.m. New Friends always welcome to join.

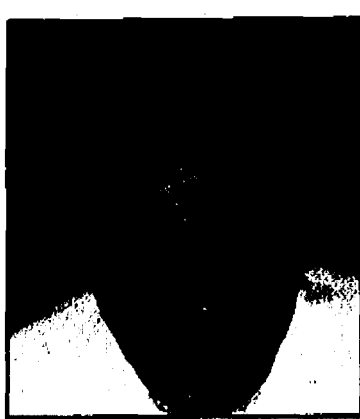
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for "Pirateering" (that's what you get when you cross a pirate with orienteering) at Devereaux Memorial Library on Thursday, Feb. 23 at 3:30 p.m. Kids ages 6-12 can find Plankton Pete's hidden treasure using a compass, map and secret clues. Stories of scoundrels and pirate food. Call Jane 989-348-9214.

Births

Rebecca Flaherty and Ephraim Johnson III, of Grayling, announce the birth of a daughter, Etana Kadashia, born at Mercy Hospital on February 7, 2012 at 8:09 a.m., weighing 7 lbs., 5 ozs., and measuring 20 1/2 inches length.

Obituaries



Ronald J. Dube

Ronald Joseph Dube, of Grayling, previously of Mt. Morris, age 86, died Sunday, February 12, 2012, at Concerned Country Care Home.

Ronald "Ronnie" was born January 25, 1926, in Old Town, Maine, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph and Leona (Robachaud) Dube.

He and Dolores Crocker were united in marriage February 21, 1948.

Ronald proudly served the United States Navy for two years. After being honorably discharged, later, he would begin his career for General Motors; retiring in 1984.

He leaves to cherish his memory, wife of 64 years, Dolores; two sons, Ronald Dube and partner, Diane Jabotte and Gene and wife, Marlene Dube; 11 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; four great-great grandchildren; one brother, Joseph Dube; and several nieces, nephews and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two sisters; and four brothers.

The funeral service was held on February 14, 2012, at the Martin Funeral, Cremation & Tribute Services in Mt. Morris. Chaplain Goodman Cox will officiate.

Burial followed in Flint Memorial Park, with Military Honors conducted by the American Legion Post #158.

In lieu of flowers, please direct memorial contributions to the Alzheimer's Association. Envelopes are available at the funeral home.

Friends may share a memory with the family at the funeral home or online at www.martinfuneral-home.com.

Betty J. Essmaker

Betty June Essmaker, 87, of Grayling, passed away on Tuesday, February 7, 2012.

Betty was born in Grosse Pointe, on June 28, 1924, a daughter of the late Edna (Bischoff) and Roy Smith. She married William I. Essmaker on July 12, 1946 in St. Clair Shores. They were married for 59 years before he preceded her in death in 2005.

She was active in the rose growing industry.

She is survived by her children: William (Anne) Essmaker of Grayling, John (Maritza) Essmaker of Grayling.

Kathleen (Charles) Hubbard of Alpena; 12 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren; brothers, Robert (Donna) Smith of Mt. Clemens and Gary (Lorna) Shabo of Texas.

There are no public services planned.

Memorial contributions may be made to AuSable Valley Animal Shelter in Betty's memory.

Condolences may be sent to www.sorensonlockwood.com.

Arrangements entrusted to Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home.



Jim L. McClain

Jim Larry McClain, 79, of Grayling, passed away while in the company of family members Monday February 6, 2012.

He was born in Grayling, on August 1, 1932, a son of the late Carrie (LaGrow) and Floyd "Mickey" McClain.

He served in the U.S. Army as a Corporal and worked as a supply sgt. at M.A.T.E.S.

He married the former Rita Sorenson on November 6, 1954 in Grayling.

He is survived by his wife, Rita of 57 years; children: Jim McClain of Grayling, Dan (Carolyn) McClain of West Bloomfield, Julie (Mark) Ginther of Grayling, Randy (Denise) McClain of St. Clair Shores, Pam (Michael) Fischl of Storrs, Connecticut; grandchildren: Mickey, Brooke (Brad), Melanie, Matt (Shannon), Blair, Mitchell, Adam, Katie, Michael, Molly, Tarah and Lyndsi; great-grandchildren, Olivia and Griffin; siblings: F.J. McClain, Jerry (Wilda) McClain, Sally (LeRoy) Papendick and Bob (Marilyn) McClain.

He was preceded in death by his brother, Jack McClain.

A memorial service was held at Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home at 10 a.m. on Friday, February 10, 2012.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial contributions be made to Grayling Little League, C/O Julie Ginther, 231 S. Ausable Dr., Grayling, MI 49738.

Condolences may be sent to www.sorensonlockwood.com.

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David E. Nye

David Ernest Nye, age 49, of Roscommon, died Feb. 5, 2012.

He was born Nov. 2, 1962, in Grayling, the son of Ernest Peter Marshall and Mary Louise (Carlson) Nye. He was a lifetime Roscommon area resident.

Since his childhood, he was the outdoor manager at Skyline Ski Resort, which his parents owned, until 1997 and since then he worked doing electrical installations at CSI, Grayling.

He attended Calvary Baptist Church. He enjoyed the outdoors, woodworking and working on anything electrical.

He was preceded in death by his father, Ernie; and surviving are his mother, Mary Lou Nye of Roscommon; sister, Carol (Bruce) Boyd of Saginaw; niece, Jessie Boyd of Saginaw; nephew, Danny (Bethany) Boyd of Quicksburg, Va.; grand-niece, Bella Boyd; grand-nephew, Declan Boyd; and many cousins.

Services were held Wednesday, February 8, at Walsh Funeral Home with Dr. Robert J. Barnett, pastor, officiating.

Memorial donations may be made to Calvary Baptist Church, Grayling, or Seton Center in West Branch.

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To suffer so again.
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Treat him with special care,
Make up for all he suffered,
And all that seemed unfair.
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Much sooner than we planned,
We'll brave the bitter grief that came,
And try to understand.

A huge thank-you to the staff at Mercy Hospital. Chris and his crew of nurses on 2 North. Also Mercy Hospice- such a caring group of home-care and care givers, Susan, Melissa, Candy and Brandon - plus many more. Grayling Family Practice & Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home. Many who have made our family grow, lasting friendships during the years of Ernie's illness. Again, thanks to those who have called, sent notes and cards, and the many huge, the donations to Hospice.

The Family of Ernie Rasmussen

We would like to thank the wonderful people of Grayling & our wonderful friends, who were there for our son, William (Will). We want to thank all of Will's amazing friends, some of whom we just met. There was not a dry eye at the service. It lets us know how much William was truly loved and cared for. The greatest love of Will's life was his son Cameron. Cameron gave him such true joy, that he died a HERO saving his son.

Oldsmobile Outdoor Club holds Winterfest in Grayling

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Grayling last August, and saw what the community had to offer. He credited Illene Geiss-Wilson, executive director for the Grayling Visitors Bureau, for coordinating Winterfest.

"She has bent over backwards to get this event here," Bokovoy said.

Winterfest includes a kid's and adult fishing contest. Bingo tournaments are held. Items are also raffled off and sold through a silent auction.

Winterfest was based at the Ramada Inn of Grayling due to the availability of its hotel rooms, conference rooms, restaurant, swimming pool and nightclub.

Bokovoy said some retirees still attend the event, but don't care to venture out onto the ice.

"Some of them don't fish anymore, but they still like to be part of this," he said. "They use this for their winter vacation."

The lack of snow did not deter attendance at the Winterfest.

"Snowmobiling is part of it, but fishing is the main thing and Lake Margrethe had tons and tons of ice,"

Bokovoy said.

Bokovoy said the outing gives members a chance to rest and recreate while giving the Grayling economy a much needed shot in the arm.

"It's a dual-fold thing," Bokovoy said. "This club likes to come north."

Caleb Herblet, age 8, said he had a blast ice fishing.

"I had fun and we got to catch a lot of fish," Herblet said.

Bill Burns, who worked as an inspector for General Motors for about 37 years, is already planning a return trip to scope out Lake Margrethe.

"This is the first time I've ever fished the lake," Burns said. "We've got to come back some more to find out where the weed beds are because we only had two strikes on our tip ups."

Burns enjoyed the atmosphere of Grayling and the cordial citizens.

"The whole town is just laid back and the people are real nice and friendly," Burns said.

Geoff Kerley, who works at the General Motors plant in Delta Township, came to Winterfest to volunteer.

"It's been a great weekend," he said. "We went to some local businesses and did some shopping. It's a great place. I would come back here."

Grayling resident Doug Sajdak was a guest of the club for the fishing contest. He caught a 17-inch walleye on Sunday.

"It's a pretty good little deal," Sajdak said. "I know some guys from the club and they took me in as a visitor. I enjoyed it and there are a lot of nice people here."

Sajdak said he had a chance to snag a 30-inch walleye, but thought there were just bass going after his bait.

"That's what you get for not paying attention," Sajdak said.



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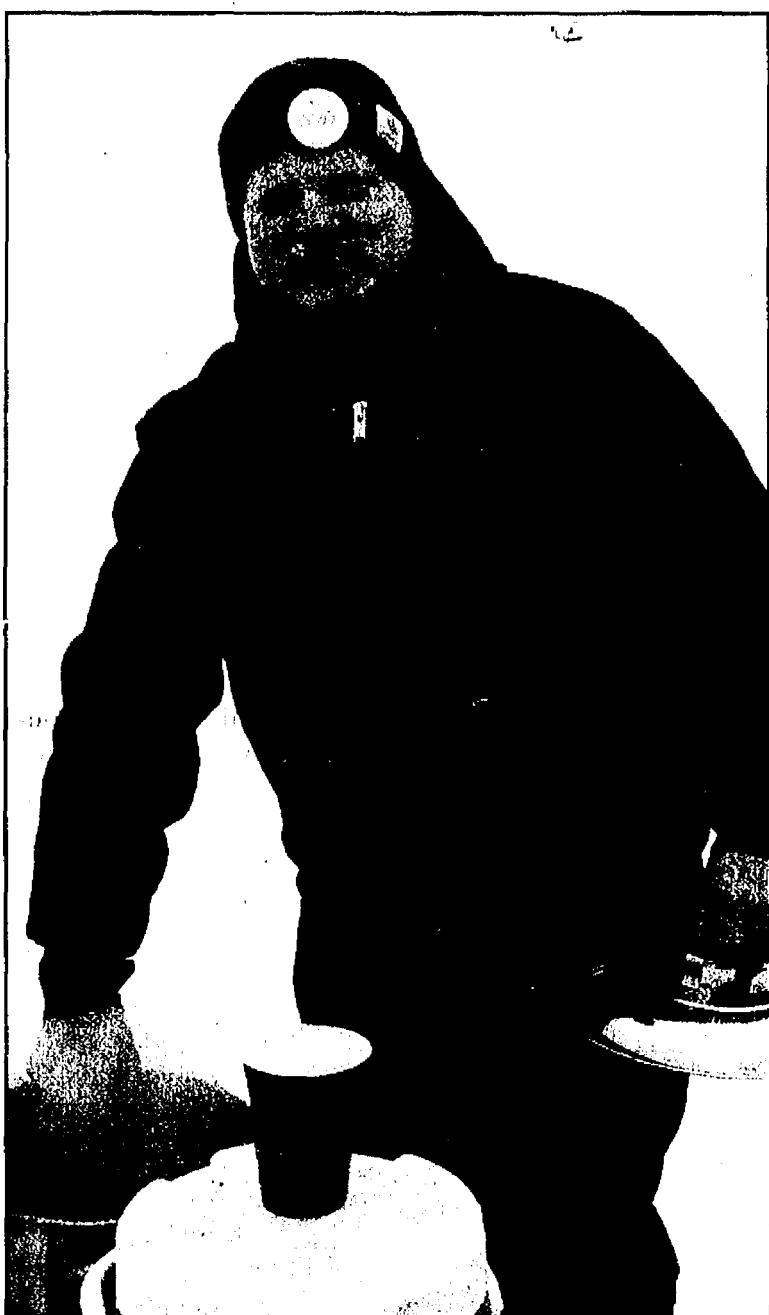


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Above, a hot dog and chili lunch was dished up by volunteers during the Oldsmobile Outdoor Club's kid's fishing contest on Saturday.

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Citizens protest child protective procedures

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 Ledger said Reddie would do anything to help friends and family.

"A couple of summers ago, he broke his back, cutting trees for a friend who needed firewood," Ledger said. "He was just that kind of a person. He endeared a lot of people."

Grayling resident Cynthia Haynes said she does not believe lethal force should have been used.

"It doesn't sound like there was a need for it," Haynes said.

Matt Van Sickle, Will's friend, said he wants to see some justice for Reddie and his son, who lost his father.

"I knew Will for 17 years. He was like a brother to me," Van Sickle said. "I want justice for what happened. They need to change their child services procedures and so do the cops. They need to change what they are doing."

Crawford County Sheriff



Photo by Dan Sanderson

Above, nearly a dozen people protested police and social worker's procedures for taking a child into custody, following the shooting of a Grayling man earlier this month.

Kirk A. Wakefield said proper procedures were followed.

Investigation of the incident was turned over to the Houghton Lake Post of the Michigan State Police. Detectives from the

Petoskey and Traverse City Posts of the Michigan State Police are also working on the case.

Wakefield said he hopes to have police reports on his desk this week, when he will release details about the

incident.

"I'm hoping to get the reports so we can get them to the prosecutor and he can make his final determination," Wakefield said.

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Huron Pines is hosting a cross-country ski event on Saturday, Feb. 18, from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Marl

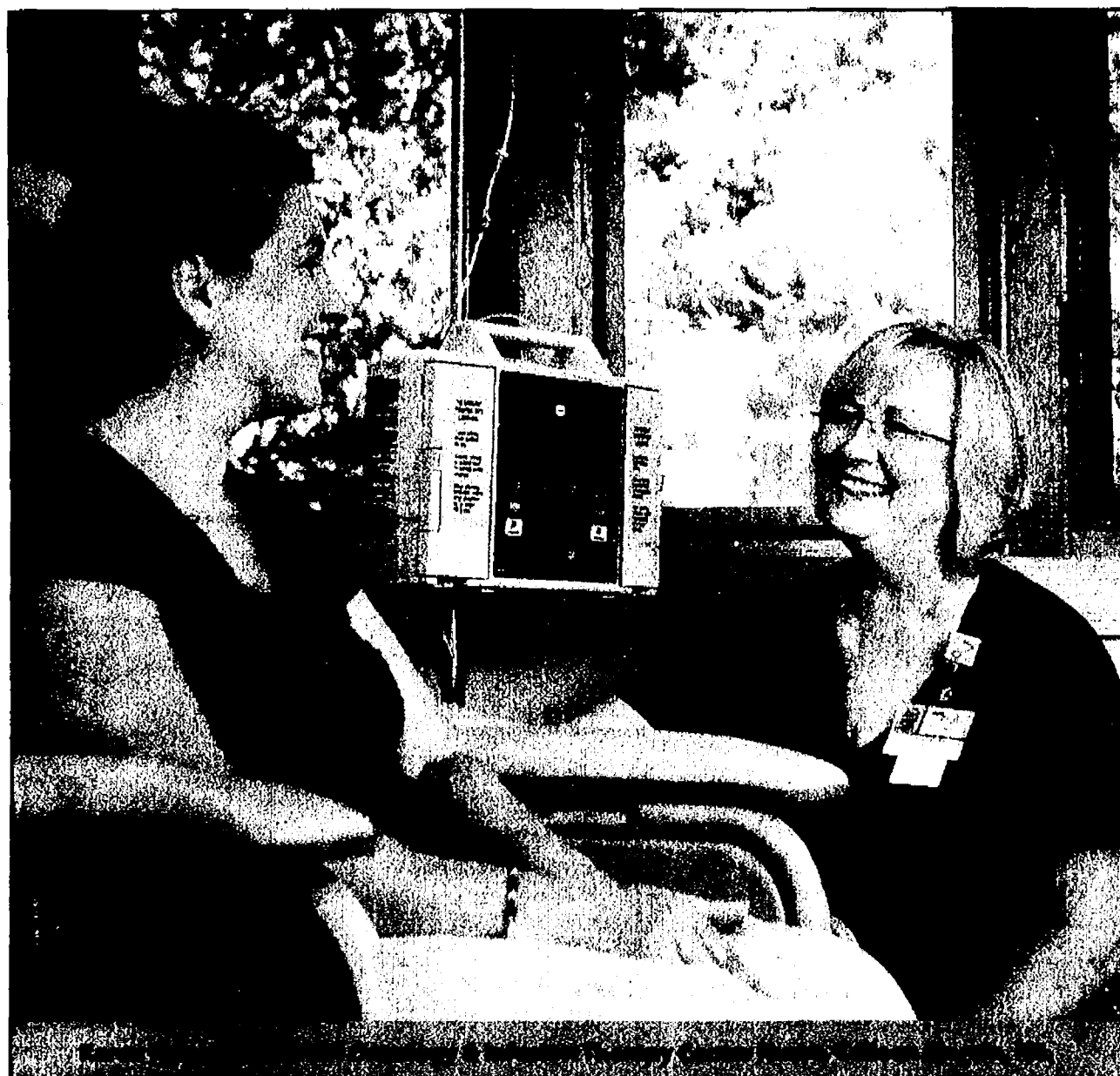
Lake. Not only will skiers enjoy the lakeside scenery while sipping hot chocolate, they'll also hear advice on capturing those images.

Participants are encouraged to bring their cameras as area photography enthusiasts will be teaching a few tips of the trade. If the conditions aren't right for skiing, participants will simply hike the trail. All ski levels and ages welcome. Skis not provided. There is a \$5 cost.

To participate, please RSVP to Jill at (989) 344-0753 x21 or jill@huron-pines.org. Recreation Passport required to enter State Park. If the event is cancelled due to inclement weather, Huron Pines will send a cancellation notice 24 hours in advance via email.

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GMS names students of the month



The students selected as Grayling Middle School Students of the Month for January are: (from left to right, back row) Pamela Baggett, Bobbie Jo Benson, Samantha Bevier, Ashley Branch, Danielle Cinciala, Alyssa Cobb, Louis Cotton; (middle row) Dennis Cousins, Nick Ibabao, Darren Johnston, Shae-Lin Kraycs, Ashely Langowski, Gabi Larm, Jacob MacFada; (front row) James McMillian, Shaun O'Connor, Ben Robbins, Skyler Robison, Skyler Schlaff, Elizabeth VanSickle; (not pictured) Ariel Collier, Brandon Davison.

Rialto Theatre launches monthly film club movies

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month. The movies selected will be those that have garnered success at the Sundance Film Festival and other film festivals such as Chicago and Toronto.

Although the films feature well-known actresses and actors, they operate with a limited operating budget and virtually no marketing budget.

"Their marketing is to get them to the film festivals," Stancil said.

A major film release on the commercial movie market has as many as 3,500 copies. In comparison, independent and foreign films may only produce 50 to 100 copies due to the limited budgets.

"They don't open up in 3,000 theatres all in one day," Stancil said.

Tickets for Rialto Film Club movies are \$6. Memberships to the film club can be purchased for \$19, which covers the cost of five tickets over a 12-month period.

"That's quite a bargain and we did that because we need to cover the cost of the freight," Stancil said. They operate in a totally different planet from what the big boys do."

Stancil said theatres in Traverse City and Suttons Bay are doing well showing independent films.

"We want to bring that alternative programming to this part of the state because they really are entertaining and it's getting a great response," he said.

Film lovers from Gaylord, Houghton Lake and Traverse City have paid for memberships to the Rialto Film Club.

"Anytime you can see money flowing from Traverse City instead of the other way, there's something to say about that," Stancil said.

Initial films, shown by the film club, were selected by Stancil and his son, Jordan. Jordan, a former U.S. State Department diplomat, who is currently

a professor at the University of Ottawa, teaching international affairs and economics.

Eventually, through membership and the film club's website - rialtofilmclub.com - members will offer suggestions on what they would like to see or give tips on films doing well on the film festival circuit.

"This will make it so the people have a sense of ownership," Stancil said.

La Havre was only shown for matinee shows, since the screen at the Rialto Theatre was booked for Mission Impossible-Ghost Protocol.

"We did that with the idea that there might be people hanging out in town between Christmas and New Years, looking for something to do," Stancil said.

Future performances will be held on Thursday evening, with matinee shows on Saturday and Sunday.

Stancil said showing the independent and international films fits hand-and-glove with what the AuSable Artisan Village is doing downtown to drive economic development.

"I think it's a natural fit with some of the things that are going on here with the artisan gallery and we're trying to throw an artistic, intellectual thing in with these movies," Stancil said. "They are excellently made, they're well done and they're more thought provoking. There are some great movies being made in other counties, but you just never get a chance to see them."

The Rialto Theatre has been in operation since 1915, providing motion pictures in northern Michigan. The current theater was built in 1930.

"The film club fits right in with our pedigree and with what we've been trying to do for generations," Stancil said.

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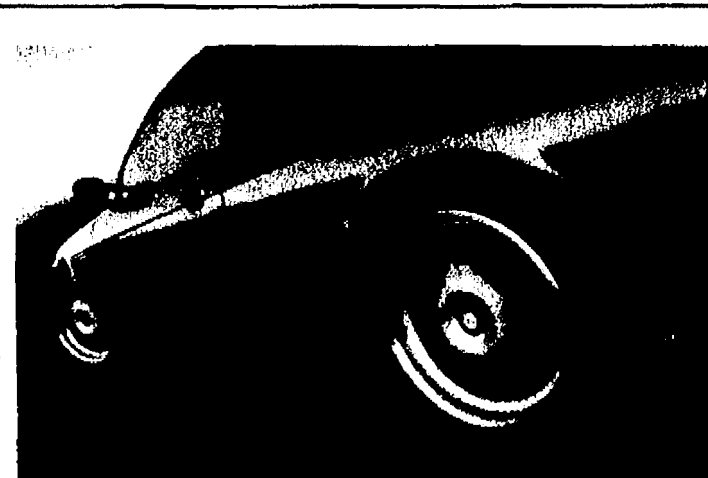


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9th graders win at Elk, Standish

The GHS freshman boys basketball squad won both of its games last week, posting victories at Elk Rapids – a league opponent – and at Standish.

On Tuesday night, the Vikings won 49-22 at Elk Rapids.

The Vikings led 26-8 at halftime, adding 23 more points in the second half.

"We were not game ready; (we) had no intensity in the first half," Coach Chris Kucharek said. "With two minutes to go before halftime Jake Hinkle sparked a huge run to give us a 26-8 halftime lead. Jake has turned into a serious offensive threat for our team and is a clutch shooter. Tyler

Wyman had a good game in the post. I think he might have the best footwork on offense in the post. Dallas Johnson is starting to turn it on, adding five points as well as putting on a ton of defensive pressure. Mason Papendick looks more and more comfortable on the floor with every game. He is leading the team in blocked shots and even took couple of charges during this game."

Hinkle had 21 points and five steals. Papendick had seven points and four rebounds. Carson Burmeister had six points and six steals. Tyler Wyman had six points. Johnson had five points.

The team had 23 steals and 17 turnovers in the game.

The Vikings won 46-28 at Standish on Wednesday night. Grayling had a big lead at halftime (31-11) before winning by 18.

Burmeister had 11 points, seven assists, and eight steals. Hinkle had 10 points, six steals, and three assists. Dylan Wyman had five points and three rebounds. Emmett Helsel had five points and four rebounds. Darin Nicholas had four points and nine steals. Johnson had four points and Gunner Metzger had two.

"We took care of business early, taking a 31-11 half-time lead. The second we

took the press off and worked on our half court defense and offense," Coach Kucharek said. "Carson seemed to be everywhere on the floor. When we needed a bucket he hit a three. When we were running our half court sets he did a good job setting his teammates up for the open shot. Gunner Metzger looked good at times during the game. He made a couple of plays on defense that just looked athletic."

The squad had 28 steals and 16 assists in the match. The Vikings shot 5 for 9 from three-point range.

Grayling (10-2 overall, 8-0 league) will play at Boyne City on Friday, Feb. 17.

Bowling Leagues

Senior League

Flowers By Josie . . . 71 - 21
Dana Transport . . . 59 - 33
Sylvester's . . . 49.5 - 42.5
Gaylord Electric . . . 48 - 44
Bear's Den Pizza . . . 40 - 52
Legion Lanes . . . 38 - 54
Spike's . . . 32.5 - 59.5
Lone Pine . . . 32 - 60
High Series Women: H. Stairs, 487; D. Hollis, 476; N. Glasslee, 462. High Game Women: D. Hollis, 181; M. Rysso, 174; N.

Glasslee, 172. High Series Men: D. Canfield, 623; B. Hollis, 532; K. Harris, 519. High Game Men: D. Canfield, 238; B. Hollis, 190; J. Campbell, 188.

Recreation League

Days Inn . . . 26.5 - 9.5
Grayling Nursing . . . 19.5 - 16.5
Snap Fitness . . . 18 - 18
Worm Guts . . . 17 - 19
Legion . . . 16.5 - 19.5
Glen's Market . . . 16.5 - 19.5
Robin Smith CPA . . . 16 - 20

Mercy Manor . . . 14 - 22
High Series: S. Johnson, 545; S. Ross, 505; K. Wheeler, 493. High Game: S. Johnson, 224; K. Wheeler, 206; S. Ross, 194.

Thursday Morning Coffee

Thanks "A Latte" . . . 23 - 9
Bowling Buds . . . 20 - 12
Snow Tops . . . 18 - 14
Fearless . . . 16 - 16
Ladybugs . . . 14 - 18
High Series Women: H. Stairs, 461; K. Moshier, 445; D. Hollis, 418. High Game Women: K. Moshier, 176; M. Brosky, 170; H. Stairs, 164. High Series Men: D. Canfield, 668; D. Henning, 557; J. Campbell, 529. High Game Men: D. Canfield, 278; D. Henning, 222; H. Marquardt, 204.

Friday Mixed Doubles

American Legion . . . 36 - 13
L & L Hauling . . . 31 - 18
Don Nester . . . 30 - 19
Hot Dam Players . . . 26 - 23

Dodi's Karaoke . . . 26 - 23
G & B Rentals . . . 25 - 24
AJD . . . 15 - 34
High Series Women: L. Holtcamp, 527; T. Rock, 485; C. Helms, 463. High Game Women: T. Benardo and T. Rock, 183; L. Holtcamp, 180. High Series Men: D. Canfield, 636; G. Mastroeni, 568; F. Periard, 529. High Game Men: D. Canfield, 227; G. Mastroeni, 217; D. Yelinek, 211.

Pioneer League

Pink Ladies . . . 22.5 - 9.5
Tim's Collision . . . 21 - 11
Legion . . . 20 - 12
5 B's . . . 18 - 14
T.C. Lawncare . . . 14.5 - 17.5
Ole Dam . . . 13 - 19
Bosco Babes . . . 11 - 21
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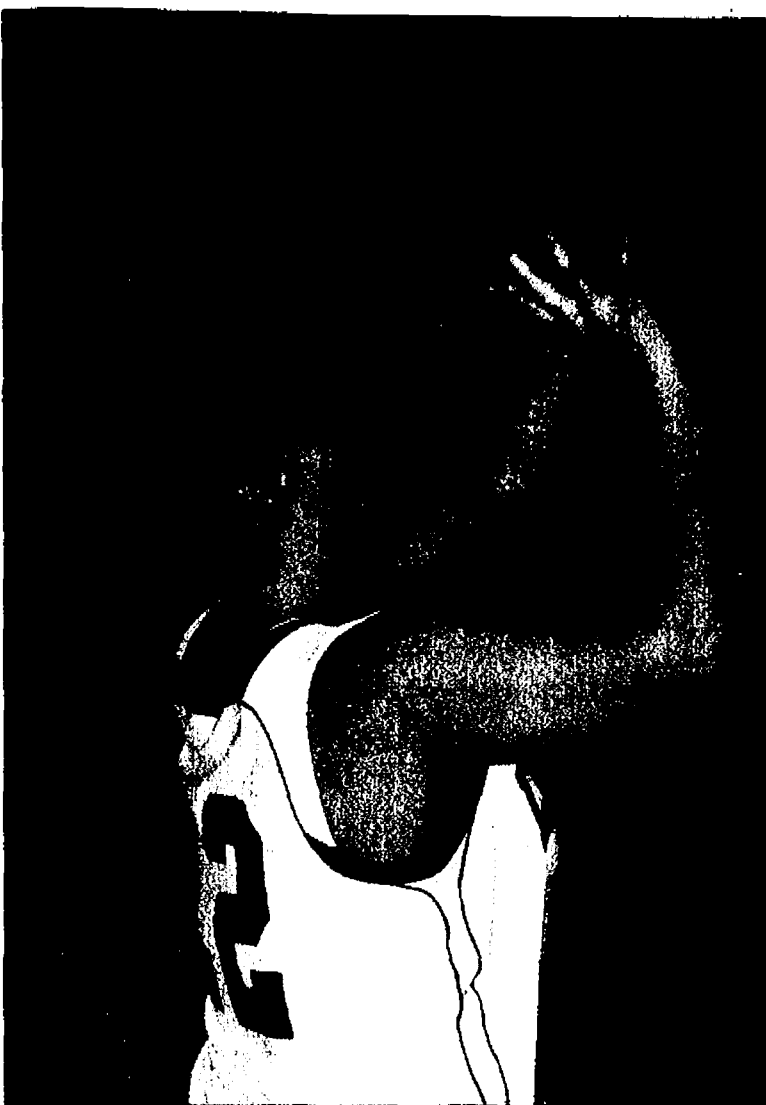
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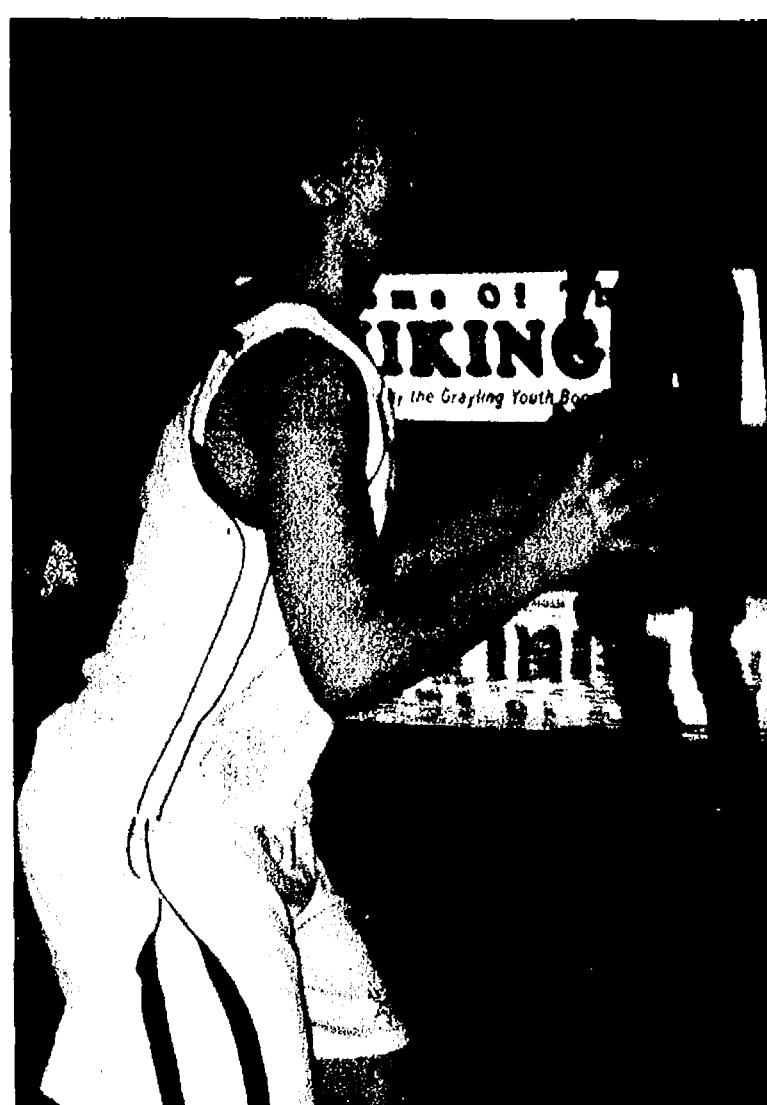
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Caitlin Prosser shoots the ball for the Vikings on Tuesday vs. Elk Rapids.



Maddie Benardo takes an inside shot for Grayling during Tuesday night's win.



Alyssa Morley handles the ball for the Vikings during last week's game vs. the Elks.

Varsity girls start strong in 57-45 win vs. Elk Rapids

Vikings fall to Kalkaska 72-52 on Friday night

by Caleb Casey
Senior Staff Writer

The Grayling Vikings started strong and finished strong, defeating the visiting Elk Rapids Elks by 12, 57-45, in a varsity girls basketball league game during which the Vikings outscored their opponent 19-4 in the first 9:30 of regulation. Elk Rapids caught up in the middle two quarters, but the Vikings opened the fourth period with an 8-0 run and outscored their opponent 21-15 overall in the final eight minutes of the contest.

Grayling outscored Elk Rapids 15-4 in the first period, posting an 11-0 run from the 6:40 mark to the 2:00 mark. The Vikings scored their 15 with (in order) an inside shot by Caitlin Prosser, two free throws from Jo Hamlin, an inside shot by Maddie Benardo, a drive by Hamlin, another inside shot from Benardo, one free throw from Alyssa Morley, a drive by Hamlin, and an inside shot by Hannah Haven.

Grayling scored the first two baskets of the second period—a put-back by fresh-

man Sam Denno, a recent varsity call-up, and a lay-up by Haven—to lead by 15, 19-4. The Elks scored seven unanswered points to pull within 10.

Hamlin scored on a lay-up. Elk Rapids hit a three-pointer at the 3:55 mark, the team's second triple of the period. Grayling scored four points with an inside shot by Benardo and two free throws from Cierra Prosser. The Elks scored. Benardo hit an inside shot for the Vikings, putting Grayling up by 11, 27-16, with 1:41 left in the second quarter. Elk Rapids ended the first half with a 6-0 run.

GHS had a 27-22 advantage at halftime.

Grayling edged Elk Rapids 9-8 in a low-scoring third period. Prosser, Hamlin, and Haven scored points for the Vikings in the quarter.

Grayling, leading 36-30, opened the fourth quarter with an 8-0 run, extending its lead to 44-30. The series included a jumper by Hamlin, two free throws from Denno, and inside shots from Haven and

Hailey Whittaker.

Elk Rapids did not get any closer than eight in the final six minutes of regulation. Caitlin Prosser, Josie Swander, Haven, Hamlin, Morley, and Whittaker all scored points for the Vikings down the stretch.

Grayling won 57-45.

"We had a very nice win over Elk Rapids, who was 9-5 entering the game. We previously had lost on their court by nine so it was a nice improvement for us winning by 12. I think that this was our best game of the year. A lot of the little things that we have been working on all year came together. I'm very proud of our girls as they continue to be competitors regardless of who we are playing. After losing a very tough game against Harbor last Friday, I was very interested to see how the girls responded. They responded great," Coach Joe Powers said.

"Elk Rapids had cut the game to one point and were exerting a lot of full-court pressure against us. The girls displayed good composure and brought the win home. We haven't had to play from the front too often but we are getting to that point. It is difficult to play

with the lead since we have not been in that position very much. As we experience more games in which we are leading, we will learn how to play with the lead. Elk Rapids was such a game. When it became crunch time, our girls responded very well and walked out with a win," Coach Powers said.

According to the team, Haven had 13 points and Hamlin had 11 points. Cierra Prosser and Benardo each had eight points. Whittaker had six points and four assists.

On Friday night, the Vikings lost 72-52 vs. the Kalkaska Blazers in a league game played at GHS.

Both teams shot well in the first quarter, combining for 46 points in the first eight minutes of regulation. Kalkaska hit four three-pointers in the first quarter, finishing the period with 29 points. Grayling scored its 17 first quarter points with a jump shot by Benardo, a jumper by Whittaker, a basket by Caitlin Prosser, two baskets by Cierra Prosser, a triple by Haven, a jumper by Morley, and a jump shot by Morley.

Kalkaska scored the first 11 points of the second peri-

od to lead 40-17. Grayling scored only seven points total in the quarter (two baskets by Hamlin and a triple by Cierra Prosser).

The Blazers led by 22 at halftime, 46-24.

Kalkaska outscored GHS 21-12 in the third period. The Blazers led by 31, 67-36, going into the fourth.

Grayling outscored Kalkaska 16-5 in the last eight minutes of the contest. Denno had six of Grayling's final 16. Hamlin and Cierra Prosser each hit a three-pointer in the fourth period. Whittaker also scored for the Vikings.

Kalkaska won by 20, 72-52.

"Kalkaska girls are a very talented team. Our girls played with them the whole night even though they were shooting the lights out. As they hit four out of five (three-pointers) to start the game and 11 for 16 in the first quarter, they had a large lead; however, we didn't quit. The girls kept working and whittled the lead down. Even though Kalkaska ended up beating us by 20, our girls fought the whole way. Kalkaska is probably the most talented team in our league and our league is a very, very strong

Lake Michigan Conference

Girls Basketball

| | |
|----------------|------|
| St. Francis | 10-0 |
| Kalkaska | 8-2 |
| East Jordan | 7-3 |
| Elk Rapids | 5-5 |
| Charlevoix | 3-7 |
| Grayling | 3-7 |
| Harbor Springs | 3-7 |
| Boyer City | 1-9 |

Last week's scores

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|-----------------------------------|
| Grayling 57, Elk Rapids 45 |
| Kalkaska 72, Grayling 52 |
| St. Francis 64, Boyer City 36 |
| East Jordan 54, Boyer City 50 |
| Kalkaska 46, Charlevoix 30 |
| Charlevoix 53, Elk Rapids 41 |
| East Jordan 64, Harbor Springs 60 |
| St. Francis 60, Harbor Springs 39 |

league for girls basketball. We continue to improve our shooting and want to continue improving our defense," Coach Powers said.

According to the team, Hamlin had a double-double with 11 points and 11 rebounds. Cierra Prosser had 10 points and three steals. Haven had seven points and four assists. Benardo had six points and five rebounds. Morley had six points and three assists. Denno had six points and three blocks.

The Vikings (7-9 overall, 3-7 conference) will play at Boyer City at 6 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 17.

Elks pull away in last nine minutes of Tuesday's JV game



Taylor Nielson shoots the ball for Grayling on Tuesday.

It was close for most of the game, but the visiting Elk Rapids Elks pulled away down the stretch, outscoring Grayling 16-6 in the last nine minutes of regulation to win by 13, 38-25, in a junior varsity girls basketball contest played at GHS on Tuesday night.

Grayling scored the first six points of the game with a put-back by Tandy Mitchell, an inside shot by Maddie Nielson, and a jumper by Mitchell. The Vikings did not score another point in the first quarter. The Elks scored eight. Grayling trailed 8-6 at the end of the period.

Grayling edged Elk Rapids 9-8 in the second quarter, scoring nine with one free throw from Meagan Malm, two put-backs by Makayla Cragg, an inside shot by Katie Vierling, and two free throws from Mitchell.

The Elks led 16-15 at halftime.

Elk Rapids scored the first six points of the third quarter to lead 22-15. Grayling scored the next four with two baskets by

Cragg. With 2:24 remaining in the period, Elk Rapids led 22-19.

The Elks scored at the 1:00 mark. They added one more basket before the third quarter buzzer, and Elk Rapids led 26-19 going into the fourth quarter.

The Elks opened the fourth period with a 6-0 run, running their unanswered point streak to 10. Elk Rapids outscored Grayling 12-6 in the fourth quarter.

The Elks won 38-25.

"The girls played another hard fought game for the second night in a row, but I think we ran out of steam in the second half. Everybody really stepped up and played one of our best games of the year," Coach Brooke Knight said.

Cragg finished with 11 points and eight rebounds for GHS. Mitchell had seven points, six rebounds, three assists, and three steals.

On Monday, the Vikings lost by two, 31-29, at Boyer City.

"The girls played a tough, hard fought game and had two chances to tie the game with

under five seconds to go, but just missed both of them," Coach Knight said.

Mitchell had 11 points and three steals. Sam Denno had 10 points, 13 rebounds, five steals, and two blocks. Nielson had 10 rebounds.

The squad lost 53-24 at Kalkaska on Thursday night.

Ten of 13 players scored for GHS. Courtney Hill and Jordan Tinker each had four points. Eleven Vikings had at least one rebound, led by Vierling, Nielson, and Cragg (five each). Eight players had at least one steal, led by Rachel Money with five.

"With this being our third game of the week, I think we just ran out of energy. Kalkaska came out very strong and we seemed back on our heels at the beginning of the game. We played hard until the end though, as we only lost the second half 28-18, after losing the first half 25-6," Coach Knight said.

The Vikings (2-14 overall, 2-8 league) will host Boyer City at 6 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 16.



Rachel Money handles the ball for the Vikings.

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Erin Messerschmidt (112) works toward a pin vs. Roscommon on Thursday.



Zach Joseph (heavyweight) pins his Roscommon opponent on Thursday.



Brandon Handrich (152) battles his Roscommon counterpart during districts.



Kyle Birdsall (103) wrestles for Grayling vs. the Bucks during the district semifinals.

Vikings fall to Bucks 43-32 in district semifinals

Playoff series comes down to final two weight classes

by Caleb Casey
Senior Staff Writer

Thursday night's District 167-3 wrestling tournament semifinals came down to the final two weight classes - 125 and 130. Roscommon had an 11-point lead and Grayling needed two pins to win. The Bucks won by decision at 125 to clinch the victory vs. the Vikings.

Grayling High School hosted the District 167-3 wrestling event.

The district semifinal series started at 135, a weight class that Roscommon won with a third round pin. The Bucks won by pin in the first round at 140. Grayling forfeited at 145 and Roscommon led 18-0.

Brandon Handrich (152)

pinned his Roscommon opponent in the second round. Grayling forfeited at 160.

Ty Jensen (171) won a 14-2 decision, earning four team points for the Vikings.

Roscommon scored a pin in the third round at 189, extending its lead to 30-10.

Ryan Randall (215) pinned his Roscommon counterpart in the first round. At heavyweight, Zach Joseph won by pin in the second round for the Vikings.

The Bucks won by pin at 103. Roscommon led 36-22 with four weight divisions remaining.

Erin Messerschmidt (112) pinned her Roscommon opponent in the first round. Roscommon won a 15-8

decision at 119.

The Bucks had a 39-28 advantage with two weight classes left.

Roscommon ended it with an 11-0 victory in the 125-pound division.

In the last bout of the semifinals, Zack Cheney won a 13-4 decision for the Vikings, but Roscommon won the series by 11, 43-32.

"I'm proud of them," Coach Andy Moore said. "They wrestled hard. They gave it all. They're exciting, that's for sure. They took the team picked to win this region to the second to the last match."

The Bucks have now eliminated the Vikings from the wrestling playoffs in nine of the last 10 years (2012 district semifinals,

2011 regional finals, 2010 district finals, 2009 regional finals, 2007 regional semifinals, 2006 district semifinals, 2005 district finals, 2004 regional finals, 2003 district finals).

Houghton Lake, the only other team in the district this year, drew a first round bye. In the district finals, Roscommon defeated the Bobcats 61-18 to win the tournament. The Bucks will advance to the Region 117-3 tournament slated for Wednesday, Feb. 15, in Manistique.

This year's wrestling squad at GHS is a young group.

"We only have two seniors leaving," Coach Moore said. "The future looks bright."

Six wrestlers qualify for regionals

Six Grayling High School wrestlers qualified for indi-

vidual regionals with their finishes at individual districts at Kingsley on Saturday.

The squad's regional qualifiers: 119, Cody Elmy, 3rd, 2-1 at districts; 125, Zack Cheney, 3rd, 3-1 at districts; 125, Ghayge Toomey, 4th, 3-2 at districts;

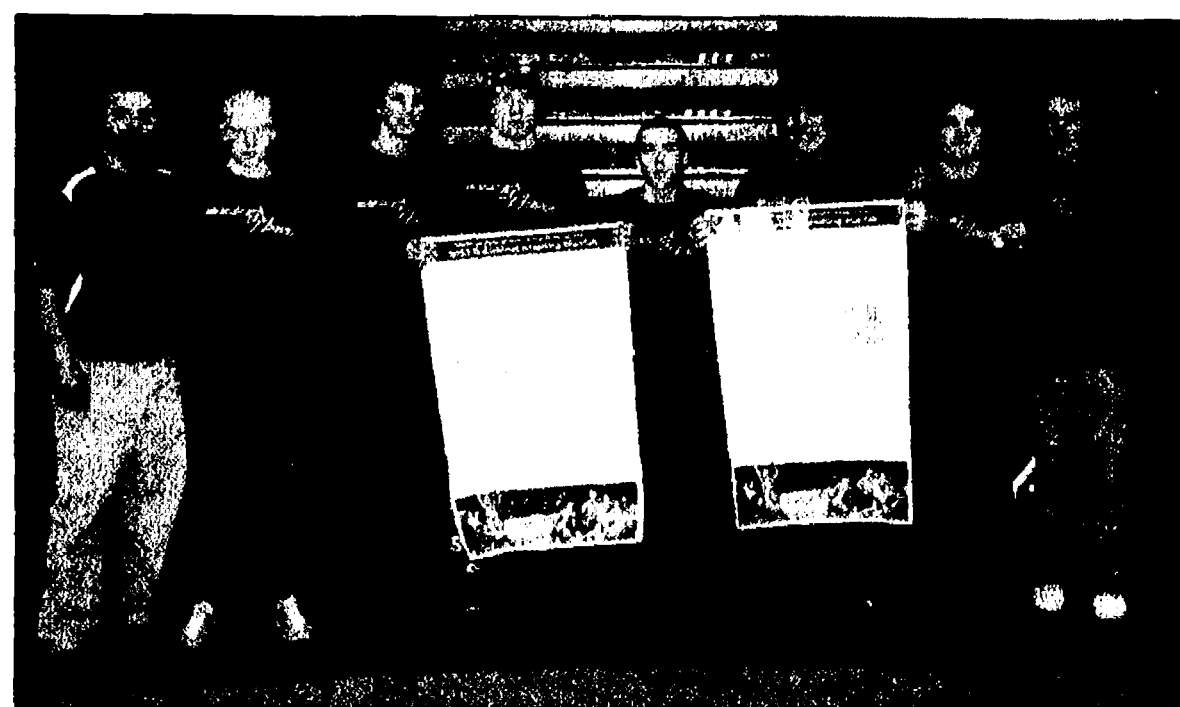
152, Brandon Handrich, 1st, 3-0 with 3 pins at districts; 189, Jeff Myers, 2nd, 2-1 at districts; 215, Ryan Randall, 1st, 3-0 with 3 pins at districts.

These six will wrestle at regionals on Saturday, Feb. 18, in Farwell. The top four in each weight class will

advance to the state finals.

"I'm very happy to have six wrestlers advance to regionals," Coach Andy Moore said.

Season records for the six qualifiers are: Elmy, 39-7; Cheney, 32-16; Toomey, 28-21; Handrich, 38-3; Myers, 24-22; Randall, 16-5.



The GHS wrestling team's six regional qualifiers, with the squad's coaches: (L. to R) Head Coach Andy Moore, Zack Cheney, Ghayge Toomey, Brandon Handrich, Cody Elmy, Ryan Randall, Jeff Myers, Assistant Coach Todd Kornoely.



Steven Enos, left, and Zane Tobin, right, drive to the basket for the Vikings during Friday night's league game vs. the Kalkaska Blazers.



Vikings move into 2nd place in LMC with two more wins

Grayling wins 71-65 at Elk Rapids, defeats Kalkaska 66-30

Grayling moved into second place in the Lake Michigan Conference varsity boys basketball standings with two more league wins last week. The Vikings are 8-2 in the LMC. Traverse City St. Francis, at 10-0, currently leads the conference.

On Friday night, the Vikings defeated the visiting Kalkaska Blazers 66-30.

Grayling led 18-10 at the end of the first quarter. The Vikings scored 10 unanswered points from the 7:30 mark to the 4:17 mark with an inside shot and one free throw from Thomas Burrell, a three-point play by Steven Enos, and two baskets by Zane Tobin. Riley Zigila and Griffin Dean also scored points for GHS in the first period.

Grayling outscored Kalkaska 13-5 in the second quarter. Enos scored five of Grayling's 13. Tyler McClanahan scored four. Jake Swander and Burrell also scored for the Vikings in the period.

Grayling led 31-15 at halftime.

The Vikings outscored the Blazers 35-15 in the second half. Tobin had eight points in the second half and Burrell had seven. Zigila, Swander, Enos, Dean, McClanahan, Tyler Powers, Zach Schreiber, and Mason Krey all scored points for GHS in the final 16 minutes of regulation.

The Vikings won by 33, 63-30.

"We had a number of players contribute at both ends of the court tonight," Coach Rich Moffit said.

"Riley Zigila and Devon Dawson provided a lift in the second half with their defensive effort. Tyler McClanahan was solid defensively tonight. Tom Burrell had a nice second half of basketball."

Tobin finished with 16 points. Enos scored 13. Burrell had 12. Zigila and McClanahan both finished with seven points.

On Tuesday night, the Vikings won 71-65 at Elk Rapids.

"I was very pleased with our intensity throughout this game," Coach Moffit said. "We had a number of players contribute to this victory. Riley Zigila and Devon Dawson did an outstanding job of defending Luke Morrison of Elk Rapids. Steven Enos and Zane Tobin provided a spark at the offensive end of the court. Jake Swander provided a real lift to our team with his effort in the second half of the game, scoring all 11 of

his points. Tyler McClanahan was solid defensively. Tom Burrell and Griffin Dean did a nice job on the glass."

Enos had 19 points, nine rebounds, and three steals. Tobin had 17 points and five

rebounds. Swander scored 11. Burrell had eight points and eight rebounds. Dean had seven rebounds.

The Vikings (12-3 overall, 8-2 league) will play at Boyne City on Friday, Feb. 17.

Lake Michigan Conference

| Boys Basketball | |
|-----------------|------|
| St. Francis | 10-0 |
| Grayling | 8-2 |
| Elk Rapids | 7-3 |
| Boyne City | 6-4 |
| Charlevoix | 5-5 |
| Harbor Springs | 3-7 |
| East Jordan | 1-9 |
| Kalkaska | 0-10 |

Last week's scores
 Grayling 71, Elk Rapids 65
 Grayling 66, Kalkaska 30
 St. Francis 76, Boyne City 52
 Boyne City 51, East Jordan 38
 Charlevoix 73, Kalkaska 30
 Elk Rapids 68, Charlevoix 55
 Harbor Springs 60, East Jordan 53
 St. Francis 85, Harbor Springs 56



Tyler McClanahan handles the ball for the Vikings.

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Dr. Jacobson offers additional tips for preventing BBTD:

Encourage your child to drink from a cup. Begin offering fluids in a cup to children at age six months and have babies off bottles by the age of one year.

If necessary, give children alternatives to bottles at naptime. If a child must have a bottle to fall asleep, fill it with water rather than sugary liquids or provide a clean pacifier.

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Never give children a bottle filled with a soft drink. Exposing children to soft drinks, which are filled with refined sugar, sets them up for dental decay and chronic health problems like diabetes.

Clean your baby's gum and tooth area. Use a soft washcloth at least once a day after the appearance of the first tooth to help wash away sugary fluids.

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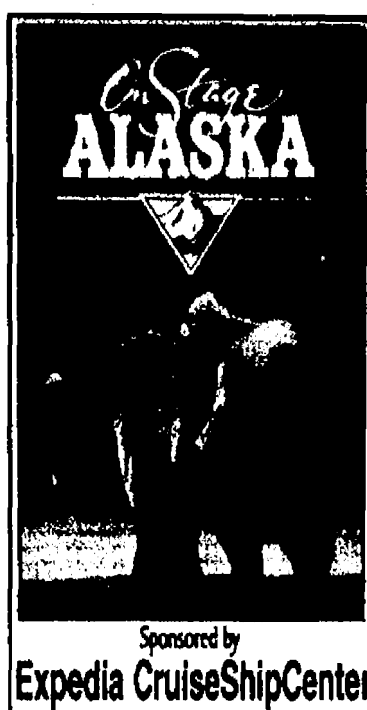
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Grayling Youth Wrestling Club

The Grayling Youth Wrestling Club (GYWC) ended its 2012 regular season with a tournament at Grayling Middle School on Saturday, placing 19 of 21 competitors.

"We improved yet again this week, placing 19 of 21 wrestlers. We have made major improvements since the first week of the season," Coach Larry Duvall said.

Placements for the

GYWC included: 1st - Zach Duncan, James Castillo, Joe Castillo, Nick Petrie; 2nd - Mason Crandall, Colton Laskowski, Tim Burr, Alex Ferrigan, Devin Joseph, Logan Duvall; 3rd - Gabe Castle, Eli Bindschatel, Cody Creel, Reece Ferrigan, Kaden Brigham, Shane McCleave, Austin Robison, Kejuan Conley; 4th - Mason Kelley.

"Overall the (Grayling

Youth Wrestling Club) has had a fantastic season, which is (attributed) to the hard work and dedication of each wrestler and coach within our program," Coach Duvall said. "Our home tournament was again a huge success."

The team will wrestle at regionals this weekend. Competitors who place in the top four will advance to the NEMWA state finals.

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Foreclosure Sale
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BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY. ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Merle L. Morgan and Judy K. Morgan husband and wife, original mortgagor(s), to Financial Freedom Senior Funding Corporation, a Subsidiary of IndyMac Bank, P.S.B., Mortgagee, dated August 9, 2007, and recorded on August 15, 2007 in Liber 688 on Page 126, and assigned by said Mortgagee to OneWest Bank, FSB as assignee as documented by an assignment, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty-Five Thousand Three Hundred Fifty-Five and 15/100 Dollars (\$65,355.15), including interest at 1.12% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on March 7, 2012. Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Commencing at a point 33 feet East of the Northeast corner of Brinks Par, thence East 450 feet on the South 1/8 line of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 8, Town 26 North, Range 3 West for the point of beginning; thence East along said 1/8 line a distance of 159.5 feet to the intersection of said 1/8 line and the West boundary line of I-75 Highway, thence Southwesterly along said right of way to a point that is 200 feet due South of the said 1/8 line, thence due West and parallel to the 1/8 line a distance of 127.5 feet, thence due North 200 feet to the place of beginning. Being a part of the North 200 feet of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 8, Town 26 North, Range 3 West, lying West of I-75 right of way. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. Dated: February 2, 2012 For more information, please call: FCF (248) 593-1313 Troit & Troit, P.C. Attorneys For Servicer 31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200 Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525 File #384884F01 (02-02)(02-23)

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NOTICE

IF YOU ARE CURRENTLY IN BANKRUPTCY OR HAVE RECEIVED A DISCHARGE IN

BANKRUPTCY AS TO THIS OBLIGATION, THIS COMMUNICATION IS INTENDED FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY AND IS NOT AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT IN VIOLATION OF THE AUTOMATIC STAY OR THE DISCHARGE INJUNCTION. IN SUCH CASE, PLEASE DISREGARD ANY PART OF THIS COMMUNICATION WHICH IS INCONSISTENT WITH THE FOREGOING. OTHERWISE, FEDERAL LAW REQUIRES US TO ADVISE YOU THAT COMMUNICATION FROM OUR OFFICE COULD BE INTERPRETED AS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND THAT ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED MAY BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. IF YOU ARE NOW ON ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY OR HAVE BEEN IN THE PRIOR NINE MONTHS, PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AS YOU MAY BE ENTITLED TO THE BENEFITS OF THE SERVICEMEMBERS' CIVIL RELIEF ACT.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Jeffery Miller, an unmarried man, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated September 27, 2006 and recorded October 6, 2006 in Liber 683, Page 549, Crawford County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Bank of America, N.A., Successor by Merger to BAC Home Loans Servicing, LP FKA Countrywide Home Loans Servicing LP by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty-Five Thousand Six Hundred Eleven and 14/100 Dollars (\$65,611.14) including interest at 6.75% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue at the front door of the County Building in Grayling in Crawford County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on MARCH 21, 2012.

Said premises are located in the Township of Beaver Creek, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 34, and South 1/2 of Lot 35, Holiday Heights Subdivision, Township of Beaver Creek, Crawford County, Michigan, according to the recorded Plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 75, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in

accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

If the property is sold at foreclosure sale, pursuant to MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damage to the property during the redemption period.

If you are a tenant in the property, please contact our office as you may have certain rights.
Dated: February 16, 2012
Orlans Associates, P.C.
Attorneys for Servicer
P.O. Box 5041
Troy, MI 48007-5041
File No. 617.6460
(02-16)(03-08)

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NOTICE

SCHNEIDERMAN & SHERMAN, P.C., IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT, ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT (248)539-7400 IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY. MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by WAYNE F. GRODE and CHERYL A. GRODE, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee for lender and lender's successors and assigns, Mortgagee, dated May 23, 2008, and recorded on July 9, 2008, in Liber 692, on Page 282, and assigned by said mortgagee to GMAC Mortgage, LLC successor by merger to GMAC Mortgage Corporation, as assigned, Crawford County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-Six Thousand One Hundred Ninety-Seven Dollars and Sixty-Three Cents (\$76,197.63), including interest at 6.375% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan, at 10:00 AM o'clock, on March 7, 2012 Said premises are located in Crawford County,

Michigan and are described as: THE WEST 165 FEET OF THE EAST 495 FEET OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 2, TOWN 27 NORTH, RANGE 4 WEST. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the

redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. GMAC Mortgage, LLC successor by merger to GMAC Mortgage Corporation Mortgagee/Assignee Schneiderman & Sherman, P.C. 23938 Research Drive, Suite 300 Farmington Hills, MI 48335 GMAC.009594 (02-02)(02-23)

-2-9-16-23

NOTICE FREDERIC TOWNSHIP BOARD OF REVIEW

The Frederic Township Board of Review will meet for its Organizational Meeting on Monday March 6, 2012 at 1:00 PM. at the Frederic Township Hall at 6470 Manistee St., Frederic MI.

The board of review will meet with the public on:

Tuesday, March 13, 2012 from 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM and 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Thursday, March 15, 2012 from 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM and 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM.

The purpose of these meetings will be to hear petitioners who wish to appeal their assessments, classifications and to answer any questions pertaining to the tax roll.

The following are tentative ratios and factors for all classes of property in Frederic Township:

| CLASSIFICATION | RATIO | FACTORS |
|-----------------|-------|---------|
| Commercial | 50.00 | 1.0000 |
| Industrial | 50.00 | 1.0000 |
| Residential | 50.00 | 1.0000 |
| Timber Cut-Over | 50.00 | 1.0000 |

This notice is posted in compliance with PA 267 of 1976 as amended (The Open Meetings Act), MCLA 1.72a (2) (3) and the American with Disabilities Act (ADA).

In order to ease the burden on taxpayers, the assessor and the board of review and to ensure that all taxpayers have an equal opportunity to be heard by the board of review, the Township of Frederic, Crawford County, hereby resolves, according to provisions of MCL211.30(7) of the General Property Tax Act, that the board of review shall receive letters, email to (supervisor@frederictownship.org), by phone, or by representative of protest regarding assessments from resident taxpayers from the first Tuesday in March until it adjourns from the public hearings for which it meets to hear such protests

William T. Johnson
Frederic Township Supervisor

PUBLIC ACCURACY NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Public Accuracy Test for the February 28, 2012 Presidential Primary Election has been scheduled for Wednesday, February 22, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. (6:00 p.m. for Maple Forest Twp) at each of the following voting precincts located in Crawford County, Grayling, MI:

| Township | Precinct # | Clerk |
|---|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Grayling City Hall | 701 | Michele Miller 348-2131 |
| 1020 City Blvd. P.O. Box 549 Grayling, MI 49738 | | |
| Beaver Creek Township | 101 | Sharon Hartman 275-8878 |
| 8888 S. Grayling Rd Grayling, MI 49738 | | |
| Frederic Township | 201 | Nancy Bindschatel 348-8778 |
| 6470 Manistee St. Frederic, MI 49733 | | |
| Grayling Township | 302, 304, 305, 306 & 307 | Monica Ashton 348-4361 |
| 2090 Viking Way P.O. Box 521 Grayling, MI 49738 | | |
| Lovells Township | 401 | Cynthia Infante' 348-9215 |
| 8405 Twin Bridge Rd. Grayling, MI 49738 | | |
| Maple Forest Township | 501 | Sandra Baynham 348-5794 |
| 2520 W. Marker Rd. Frederic, MI 49733 | 6:00 p.m. | |
| South Branch Township | 601 | Lynn George 275-8232 |
| 5245 M-18 Roscommon, MI 48653 | | |

The Public Accuracy Test is conducted to determine that the program(s) and the election ballot counters being used to tabulate the results of the election, counts the votes in the manner prescribed by law.

Sandra Moore
Crawford County Clerk

Notice Lovells Township Board of Review

The Lovells Township Board of Review will meet for its organizational meeting at the Lovells Township Hall, 8405 Twin Bridge Road, Grayling, MI 49738 on Tuesday, March 6, 2012 at 7:00 PM.

The Board of Review will meet with the public on:

Wednesday, March 14, 2012 from 3:00 PM to 9:00 PM

Thursday, March 15, 2012 from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM and from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM

Taxpayers may protest by mail or fax (989-348-6437), provided that protest letter is received prior to the close of the last public meeting on March 15, 2012 at 4:00 PM.

The purpose of these meetings will be to hear petitioners who wish to appeal their assessments, classifications and to answer any questions pertaining to the tax roll.

The following are tentative ratios and factors for all classes of property in Lovells Township:

| Classification | Tentative Ratio | Factor |
|----------------|-----------------|---------|
| Commercial | 49.04 | 1.00000 |
| Residential | 49.61 | 1.00000 |

This notice is posted in compliance with PA 267 of 1976 as amended (Opening Meetings Act), MCLA 1.72a(2)(3) and the American with Disabilities Act (ADA). Lovells Township will provide reasonable auxiliary aids and services to disabled taxpayers with seven (7) days notice to the Township at (989) 348-9215 or at the above address.

Cynthia Infante, Lovells Township Clerk
Gary Neumann, Lovell Township Supervisor

Legal Action

STATE OF MICHIGAN 87-C JUDICIAL DISTRICT JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COUNTY PROBATE ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION/ POSTING AND NOTICE OF ACTION

CASE NO. 11-7833-SP
Court address 200 West Michigan Ave., Grayling, MI 49738
Court telephone no. 989-344-3242

Plaintiff
THE MARVIN L. WILKIE TRUST AGREEMENT, DATED

6/25/96, MARJORIE WILKIE, CO-TRUSTEE
1486 W. Intermediate Lake Dr., Central Lake, MI.
Plaintiff's attorney
John H. McKaig, II, P24701
103 E. State Street, PO Box 330 Mancelona, MI. 49659-0330
v
Defendant
PETER C. WEBSTER
3427 WOODLAND AVE.
ROYAL OAK, MI 48073

TO: PETER C. WEBSTER

IT IS ORDERED:

1. You are being sued in this court by the plaintiff to recover possession, after Land Contract forfeiture. You must file your answer or take other action permitted by law in this court at the court address above on or before April 12, 2012. If you fail to do so, a default judgement may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint filed in this case.
2. A copy of this order shall be published once each week in Crawford County Avalanche three consecutive weeks, and proof of publica-

tion shall be filed in this court.
3. Crawford County Sheriff's Dept. and/or process server shall post a copy of this order in the court-house, and at electrical pole located on vacant property as described in the Complaint and for one week, and shall file proof of posting in this court.
4. A copy of this order shall be sent to PETER C. WEBSTER at the last-known address by registered mail, return receipt requested, before the date of the last publication, and the affidavit of mailing shall be filed with this court.
Date 1/23/12
Judge MONTE J. BURMEISTER
P48732

-2-9-16

STATE OF MICHIGAN JUDICIAL DISTRICT 46th JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COUNTY PROBATE ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION/ POSTING AND NOTICE OF ACTION

CASE NO. 12-8677-CH
Court address 200 W. MICHIGAN AVE, GRAYLING, MI 49738
Court telephone no. 989-344-3206

Plaintiff
ANTHONY & SHIRLEY CARUSO

Plaintiff's attorney
CAREY & JASKOWSKI, P.L.L.C.
BY: ADAM T. VERNON
(P71555)
2373 S I-75 BUSINESS LOOP/
PO DRAWER 665
GRAYLING, MI 49738
989-348-5232
v
Defendant
NORMAN H. REUSS and/or his heirs, assigns or devisees
0300 W. BEECHWOOD DRIVE SE
E. GRAND RAPIDS, MI 49506
TO: NORMAN H. REUSS and/or his heirs, assigns or devisees

IT IS ORDERED:

1. You are being sued in this court by the plaintiff to QUIET TITLE. You must file your answer or take other action permitted by law in this court at the court address above on or before 03/12/2012. If you fail to do so, a default judgement may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint filed in this case.
2. A copy of this order shall be published once each week in CRAWFORD COUNTY AVALANCHE for three consecutive weeks, and proof of publication shall be filed in this court.
Date 2/5/12
Judge DENNIS F. MURPHY
P31907

-16-23-1

TAXPAYERS OF MAPLE FOREST TOWNSHIP

The Maple Forest Township Board of Review will hold its organizational meeting on March 6, 2012 at 9 am.

The Board of Review will meet with the public on:
Mon., March 12, 2012 9am - noon
1pm - 4pm

Thurs., March 15, 2012 1pm - 4pm
6pm - 9pm

All meetings will be held at the township hall, located at 8996 N. Sherman Rd.

The purpose of these meetings will be to hear petitioners who wish to appeal their assessments, classifications, and to answer any questions pertaining to the tax roll.

| TENTATIVE | | |
|----------------|--------|--------|
| CLASSIFICATION | FACTOR | RATIO |
| Real Property | 50.00 | 1.0000 |
| Agriculture | 50.00 | 1.0000 |
| Residential | 50.00 | 1.0000 |
| Commercial | 50.00 | 1.0000 |
| Industrial | 50.00 | 1.0000 |

Mark D. Kniss
Supervisor
Maple Forest Township

NOTICE BEAVER CREEK TOWNSHIP BOARD OF REVIEW

The Beaver Creek Township Board of Review will hold an Organizational Meeting Monday, March 5, 2012, at 12:00 Noon in the Beaver Creek Township Hall for the purpose of reviewing the 2012 Assessment Roll. The Board of Review will meet with taxpayers Monday, March 12, 2012, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., and Thursday, March 15, 2011, 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., and 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., in the Beaver Creek Township Hall, 8888 S. Grayling Road, Grayling.

The following are tentative ratios and factors for all classes of property in Beaver Creek Township:

| CLASS | TENTATIVE RATIO | FACTOR |
|-------------|-----------------|--------|
| Agriculture | 49.25 | 1.0152 |
| Commercial | 48.62 | 1.0284 |
| Industrial | 77.9 | .6418 |
| Residential | 55.25 | .9050 |

This notice is posted in compliance with PA 267 of 1976 as amended (Open Meetings Act), MCLA42.72a(2)(3) and the American With Disabilities Act (ADA).

Beaver Creek Township will provide necessary, reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audiotapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting to individuals with disabilities at the meeting, upon seven (7) days notice to Beaver Creek Township.

Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact Beaver Creek Township by writing or calling the following.

Brian Ashton, Supervisor
Beaver Creek Township
8888 S. Grayling Road
Grayling, MI 49738
(898)275-8878

Brian Ashton
Beaver Creek Township Supervisor

Notice South Branch Township Board of Review

The South Branch Township Board of Review will meet at the Township Hall, 5245 M-18, Roscommon, on the following dates:

Organizational Meeting: Tuesday, March 6, 2012, at 1:00 P.M.

To Hear Taxpayer Petitions: Monday, March 12, 2012, from 9:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. and 1:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.; Thursday, March 15, 2012, from 2:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. and 6:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. appeal hearings.

By Board resolution, residents are able to protest by letter, or fax (989)275-4860, provided protest letter is received prior to close of last meeting (March 15, 2012 @ 9:00 P.M.).

Tentative ratio and the estimates multipliers for each class of real property and personal property for 2012 are as follows:

| Class | Tentative Ratio | Factor |
|--------------|-----------------|---------|
| Agricultural | 50.00 | 1.00000 |
| Commercial | 50.00 | 1.00000 |
| Industrial | 50.00 | 1.00000 |
| Residential | 50.00 | 1.00000 |

This notice is posted in compliance with PA 267 of 1976 as amended (Opening Meetings Act), MCLA41.72a(2)(3) and the American with Disabilities Act (ADA).

The South Branch Township Board will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audiotapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting to individuals with disabilities at the meetings or public hearing upon seven (7) days notice to the South Branch Township Board.

Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the South Branch Township Board by writing or calling the following:

Lynn George, Clerk / Laurie Luck, Supervisor
5245 M-18
P.O. Box 606
Roscommon, MI 48653
(989) 275-8232

2012 CRAWFORD COUNTY TENTATIVE RATIOS AND FACTORS

| CLASS | ASSESSED | EQUALIZED | RATIOS | FACTORS |
|-------|----------|-----------|--------|---------|
|-------|----------|-----------|--------|---------|

BEAVER CREEK - TENTATIVE RATIOS AND FACTORS 2012

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|-----|-----------------|------------|------------|-------|--------|
| 101 | Agricultural | 86,900 | 88,223 | 49.25 | 1.0152 |
| 201 | Commercial | 3,241,500 | 3,333,504 | 48.62 | 1.0284 |
| 301 | Industrial | 13,454,500 | 8,635,519 | 77.90 | 0.6418 |
| 401 | Residential | 56,724,450 | 51,334,344 | 55.25 | 0.9050 |
| 501 | Timber Cut-Over | - | - | - | - |
| 601 | Developmental | - | - | - | - |
| | TOTAL REAL | 73,507,350 | 63,391,590 | | |
| | TOTAL PERSONAL | 20,764,200 | 20,764,273 | 49.99 | 1.0002 |
| | TOTAL TOWNSHIP | 94,271,550 | 84,155,863 | | |

FREDERIC - TENTATIVE RATIOS AND FACTORS 2012

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|-----|-----------------|------------|------------|-------|--------|
| 101 | Agricultural | - | - | - | - |
| 201 | Commercial | 1,566,200 | 1,741,770 | 44.96 | 1.1121 |
| 301 | Industrial | 333,800 | 339,780 | 49.12 | 1.0179 |
| 401 | Residential | 53,566,400 | 51,595,453 | 51.91 | 0.9632 |
| 501 | Timber Cut-Over | 1,213,500 | 1,183,671 | 51.26 | 0.9754 |
| 601 | Developmental | - | - | - | - |
| | TOTAL REAL | 56,679,900 | 54,860,674 | | |
| | TOTAL PERSONAL | 6,537,900 | 6,537,900 | 50.00 | 1.0000 |
| | TOTAL TOWNSHIP | 63,217,800 | 61,398,574 | | |

GRAYLING - TENTATIVE RATIOS AND FACTORS 2012

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|-----|-----------------|-------------|-------------|-------|--------|
| 101 | Agricultural | - | - | - | - |
| 201 | Commercial | 8,160,900 | 8,395,987 | 48.60 | 1.0288 |
| 301 | Industrial | 13,308,100 | 13,163,243 | 50.55 | 0.9891 |
| 401 | Residential | 199,856,200 | 182,617,142 | 54.72 | 0.9137 |
| 501 | Timber Cut-Over | - | - | - | - |
| 601 | Developmental | - | - | - | - |
| | TOTAL REAL | 221,325,200 | 204,176,372 | | |
| | TOTAL PERSONAL | 7,018,000 | 7,018,000 | 50.00 | 1.0000 |
| | TOTAL TOWNSHIP | 228,343,200 | 211,194,372 | | |

LOVELLS - TENTATIVE RATIOS AND FACTORS 2012

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|-----|-----------------|------------|------------|-------|--------|
| 101 | Agricultural | - | - | - | - |
| 201 | Commercial | 2,147,000 | 2,189,029 | 49.04 | 1.0196 |
| 301 | Industrial | - | - | - | - |
| 401 | Residential | 59,765,000 | 60,234,831 | 49.61 | 1.0079 |
| 501 | Timber Cut-Over | - | - | - | - |
| 601 | Developmental | - | - | - | - |
| | TOTAL REAL | 61,912,000 | 62,423,860 | | |
| | TOTAL PERSONAL | 4,610,000 | 4,609,969 | 50.00 | 1.0000 |
| | TOTAL TOWNSHIP | 66,522,000 | 67,033,829 | | |

MAPLE FOREST - TENTATIVE RATIOS AND FACTORS 2012

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|-----|-----------------|------------|------------|-------|--------|
| 101 | Agricultural | - | - | - | - |
| 201 | Commercial | 2,267,900 | 2,353,081 | 48.19 | 1.0376 |
| 301 | Industrial | - | - | - | - |
| 401 | Residential | 21,029,800 | 21,131,230 | 49.76 | 1.0048 |
| 501 | Timber Cut-Over | - | - | - | - |
| 601 | Developmental | - | - | - | - |
| | TOTAL REAL | 23,297,700 | 23,484,311 | | |
| | TOTAL PERSONAL | 3,668,890 | 3,668,890 | 50.00 | 1.0000 |
| | TOTAL TOWNSHIP | 26,966,590 | 27,153,201 | | |

SOUTH BRANCH - TENTATIVE RATIOS AND FACTORS 2012

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|-----|-----------------|------------|------------|-------|--------|
| 101 | Agricultural | - | - | - | - |
| 201 | Commercial | 3,894,000 | 3,861,563 | 50.42 | 0.9917 |
| 301 | Industrial | 8,300 | 8,315 | 49.91 | 1.0018 |
| 401 | Residential | 80,612,500 | 79,782,759 | 50.52 | 0.9897 |
| 501 | Timber Cut-Over | - | - | - | - |
| 601 | Developmental | - | - | - | - |
| | TOTAL REAL | 46,045,600 | 45,231,679 | | |
| | TOTAL PERSONAL | 6,948,900 | 6,948,900 | 50.00 | 1.0000 |
| | TOTAL TOWNSHIP | 52,994,500 | 52,180,579 | | |

CITY OF GRAYLING - TENTATIVE RATIOS AND FACTORS 2012

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|-----|-----------------|------------|------------|-------|--------|
| 101 | Agricultural | - | - | - | - |
| 201 | Commercial | 26,658,400 | 25,972,720 | 51.32 | 0.9743 |
| 301 | Industrial | 3,757,800 | 3,215,642 | 58.43 | 0.8557 |
| 401 | Residential | 15,629,400 | 16,043,317 | 48.71 | 1.0265 |
| 501 | Timber Cut-Over | - | - | - | - |
| 601 | Developmental | - | - | - | - |
| | TOTAL REAL | 46,045,600 | 45,231,679 | | |
| | TOTAL PERSONAL | 6,948,900 | 6,948,900 | 50.00 | 1.0000 |
| | TOTAL TOWNSHIP | 52,994,500 | 52,180,579 | | |

Prepared by: Crawford County Equalization Department

Features

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A Look At Our Past FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE



February 16, 1989 - This gathering at Jimmie's (Zaul's Tavern) was sponsored by Spike for these Veterans when they came home. The picture is dated Dec. 6, 1945. Shown here (left to right top row) Harold Hatfield, Elmer Dunham, Wilbert Swanson, Ted Nelson, Dick Rasmussen; (third row) Ross Thompson, Alan Stevenson; (second row) Ed Rutkowski, Wilson Gierke, Ed Sorenson, Spike MacNeven, Lewis Rutkowski, Frank Snyder; (front row) Wes Sammons, Robert Sorenson, Bob LaChappelle.

23 Years Ago February 16, 1989

Paula Harwood of Grayling, found the big medallion beneath the scoreboard of the Grayling Little League field on Sunday, the third day of the hunt. She pieced together the first letters of a clue that spelled "scoreboard" and she figured out most of the clues were about baseball.

Don and Sharon Ewald are the new owners of the Hard Times Saloon, located on M-72 East and Wakeley Bridge

Road. The Ewalds purchased the business last November from Don Ososki.

The following students were honored by GMS as January's Student of the Month: Brock Wilson, Angela Case, Josh Gildner, Jessica Wyss, Dawn Nolph, Jason Thompson, Mike Amman, David Harris, Raylene Bendily, Suzy Lovely, Angie Papendick, Tricia Ormsbee, Kim Haske, Brian Dunkley, Jason Puls, Jason Lademan, Gina Lappo, Mark Kraus, Ron Hough,

Sara Bobenmoyer, Melissa Hinkle, Sarah Amman, Richard Myers, Josh Wyss and Terry Johnson.

46 Years Ago February 17, 1966

Mrs. Ray Slusser gave a surprise party for her daughter, Raylene Slusser to celebrate her 13th birthday. Five friends, Evelyn Tinker, Janice Collen, Debbie Bartholomew and Diane Niederer accompanied Raylene to the theater and then enjoyed ice cream and

birthday cake at her home afterwards.

Mrs. George Romney, wife of Michigan's governor, will be the featured speaker at a Lincoln's Day Dinner being sponsored in Grayling by the Crawford County Republicans.

The 1965-66 Frederic High School girls basketball team consisted of Mary Jo Bindschattel, Janet Canfield, Judy Weaver, Denise Welch, Alma Alma, Mary Valdick, Kathy Papenfus, Carol Straley, Linda Weaver, Andrea Harmer, Gayle Post and Helen Babbitt.

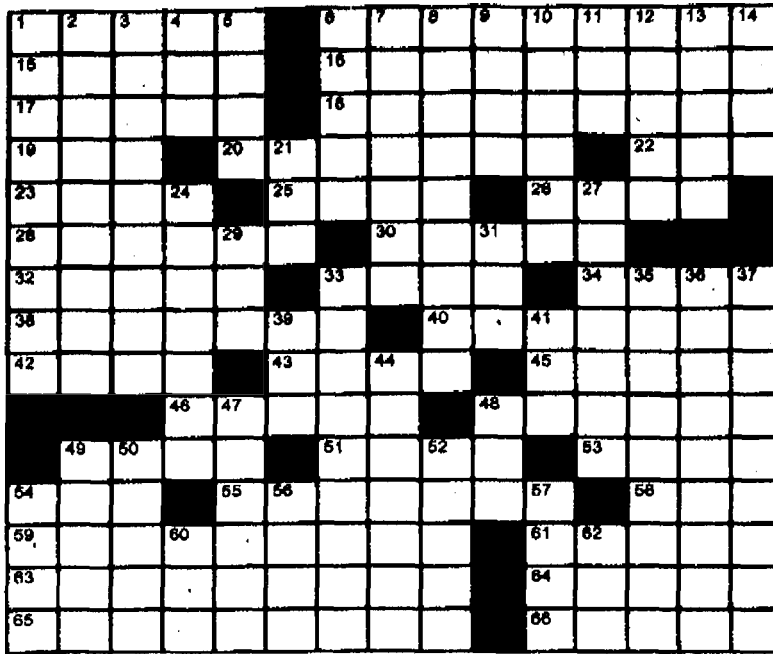
69 Years Ago February 18, 1943

The following ladies of Frederic have recently completed their course in home nursing and received their certificates: Mrs. Josephine Owen, Mrs. Ethel Hummel, Mrs. Letha Leng, Mrs. Maude Shorts, Mrs. Edith Payne, Mrs. Weesley Kumpula, Mrs. Beatrice Tobin, Mrs. Norma Madill and Mrs. William Vollmer.

92 Years Ago February 19, 1920

The American Legion basketball team were to have played Traverse City Monday night in that city, but when they arrived at the Manistee depot they were informed that there were no trains running to Traverse City from Walton Junction, therefore they returned home.

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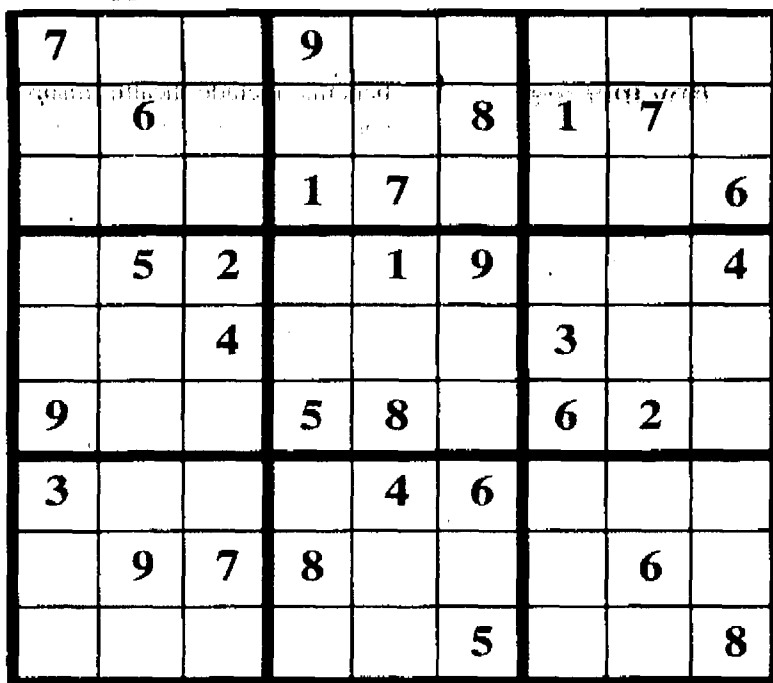
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20. Hutzpah, e.g.
22. Amazon, e.g.
23. Smeltery refuse
25. Freshman, probably
26. "___ bitten, twice shy"
28. Waterproof hip boots
30. Mrs. Bush
32. Black
33. Put up, as a picture
34. Ball field covering
38. "So soon?"
40. "The Canterbury Tales" author
42. Makeup, e.g.
43. ___ line (major axis of an elliptical orbit)
45. Brunch serving
46. Estuary
48. Moors
49. Clip
51. Acclivity
53. Harp's cousin
54. Gloomy
55. Unhurried walkers
58. PC linkup (acronym)
59. Branch that connects with capillaries
61. Cast out
63. One who drools
64. Hindu queen
65. Those who boldly state an opinion
66. Ornamental embroidery

Down

1. Physical reaction to fear (2 wds)
2. At hand
3. Bullfighters
4. ___ Grove Village, Ill.
5. Like Santa's cheeks
6. Organic compound containing CONH2 radical
7. Unit of luminous intensity
8. City government statute
9. A Swiss army knife has lots of them
10. Portuguese Mr.
11. Little bird
12. ___ artery
13. Copy
14. Transmitted
21. "___ alive!" (2 wds)
24. Inherited, such as disease
27. Musical mark
29. Swedish shag rug
31. "Bleah!"
33. Exaggeration
35. Metal welding gas
36. Expressed in different words
37. One who is given something
39. 10 liters
41. Trick taker, often
44. ___ and Meara comedy team
47. Closer
48. "___ Town Too" (1981 hit)
49. Runs smoothly
50. Con men?
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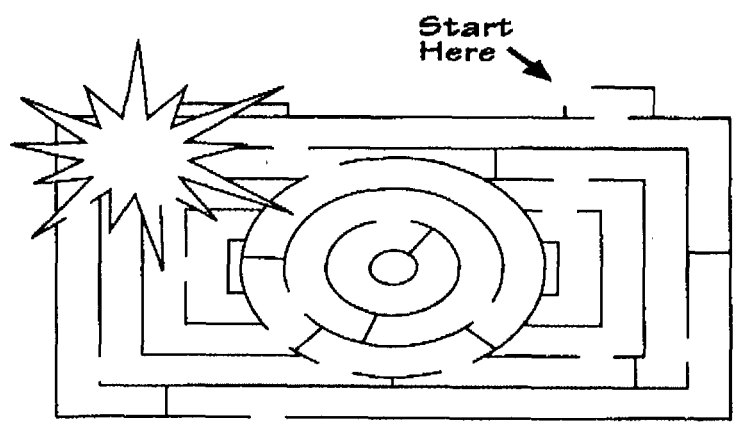
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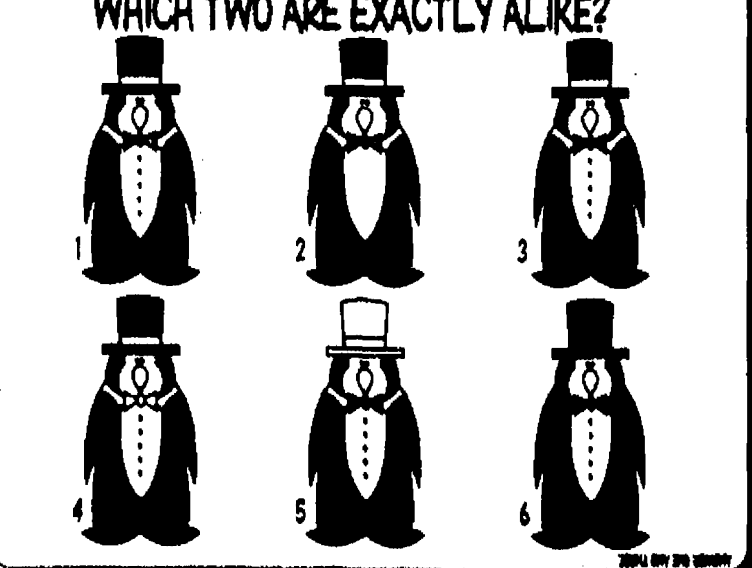
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SAY CHEESE!

FIND THE TWINS

WHICH TWO ARE EXACTLY ALIKE?



HOROSCOPES

Week of February 12, 2012



CAPRICORN
December 22-January 19
Come on, Capricorn. You know you want to, so do it. You will learn more and have more fun than you ever thought possible. A friend honors a request.



ARIES
March 21-April 19
Love is in the air and life takes on a rosy hue. Live it up, Aries. Honesty is always the best policy, so stop hedging with a dear friend and less up.



CANCER
June 22-July 22
A colleague is not the loose cannon they appear to be. Cut them some slack, Cancer, and you may just see them for who they really are.



LIBRA
September 23-October 22
Wake up and smell the coffee, Libra. All is not as it seems. What looks good on paper may not look so good in reality. Get a professional opinion before you make your move.



AQUARIUS
January 20-February 18
Passion ignites with some sage words of advice. Ooh-la-la, Aquarius. Design choices compound with an addition. Consider all the possibilities and then let the elimination round begin.



TAURUS
April 20-May 20
My, oh my, Taurus. You certainly know how to entertain, and few will not notice your talents this week as you host one event after another. Something lucrative will come of it.



LEO
July 23-August 22
Touches of romance make for a sweet week. Enjoy, Leo, and make sure you return the favor. The to-do list grows. Attack it in steps.



SCORPIO
October 23-November 21
Everyone deserves a second chance, even you, Scorpio. Don't give up hope on a relationship. Say your peace and watch what happens next!



PISCES
February 19-March 20
Dra, Pisces. An offer resurfaces. Give it careful consideration this time. There might be more to it than you realize. A relative reaches out.



GEMINI
May 21-June 21
Travel plans begin to take shape, and you prepare to whisk that special someone off on a great adventure. Bon voyage, Gemini. Don't forget your camera.




VIRGO
August 23-September 22
Psst, Virgo. Someone is up to something, and it's up to you to find out what. Don your detective cap and start snooping. An act of passion gets the home fires burning.



SAGITTARIUS
November 22-December 21
Your efforts to spend less and save more begin to add up. Do something fun to celebrate, Sagittarius. A cheeky retort gets the ball rolling on a much-needed repair.

FOR ENTERTAINMENT PURPOSES ONLY

Open: Everyday - 10am to 3pm
ADOPT A PET
WE'RE OVERLOADED! The animal shelter is currently very full of animals in need of loving homes, just like yours. Help these very adoptable pets find homes, adopt today! Visit our website for more information.



Eyore
Eyore is a fantastic little Chow Chow mix. He is very friendly & easy going, does well with other dogs & cats & adores people. This handsome 4ish year old is small (under 30 pounds) & just perfect for someone looking for a cuddle bug. Eyore has been neutered, vaccinated & micro-chipped.

Pet Vaccination Clinic
Feb. 18th 10am-4pm at the shelter. Rabies shots \$14. Other shots available. Walk-in Clinic.

Visit us at: www.ausablevalleyanimalshelter.org
AuSable Valley Animal Shelter
5786 Fairground Lane, Grayling
Use the entrance to the Crawford County Fairgrounds
After hour appointments available. Call (989) 348-4117
For more pets or more information, visit our website www.auscc.petfinder.com

WEATHER
Courtesy of the City of Grayling

| Last Week | | | Extended Forecast | | | | | |
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High/Low: 35/26, 33/19, 33/14, 34/22, 32/25, 33/23
Conditions: Snow Showers, Few Snow Showers, Few Snow Showers, Partly Cloudy, Partly Cloudy, Cloudy

RECIPE OF THE WEEK



Garlic Bread Steak Sandwich

Ingredients:
2 onions, sliced
1-1/2 lb. beef sirloin steak, thinly sliced
2 serrano chiles, stemmed, sliced
1/2 cup chopped fresh cilantro
1/3 cup Mayonnaise
2 tsp. garlic powder
6 bolillos, split
6 slices American Cheese

Directions:
COOK onions in large nonstick skillet on medium heat 10 min. or until caramelized. Remove from skillet; cover to keep warm.
ADD meat to skillet in batches, cook 2 to 3 min. or until done, turning occasionally and adding chiles to skillet with the last batch of meat. Remove from skillet; cover to keep warm. Return onions and meat to skillet. Stir in cilantro.
MIX mayo and garlic powder; spread onto cut sides of bolillos. Cook in skillet 2 min. on each side or until golden brown on both sides. Fill with meat mixture and cheese.
Substitute 3 minced garlic cloves for the garlic powder.

Prep Time: 10 min
Total Time: 35 min
Makes 6 servings

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| 1. Real Estate | 2. For Rent | 3. Employment | 4. Services Offered | 4. Services Offered | 5. For Sale |
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| HOUSE FOR SALE 2-3 bedrooms, 2 full baths. 586-446-0004, 586-713-7500. (-2/8/10/tf/1) A ROOF OVER YOUR HEAD can always be found in the Avalanche Real Estate Classifieds 102 Michigan Avenue, Grayling - (989) 348-6811. | KITCHENETTES FOR RENT, MONTHLY. No deposit and includes all utilities. Furnished rooms at economy prices. Western Trails Motel, 989-348-7681. (-16-23/2) TWO BEDROOM HOME 7 miles east, \$450 month plus electric. 348-4840. (-16-23/2) EFFICIENCY CABINS Close to town. \$380 per month, \$380 security, \$50 cleaning fee, utilities not included, no pets. 989-348-5124. (-16/2) | JOBS FOR MEN/WOMEN in transportation. Contact Liberty Truck Driving School. 888-602-5966, www.libertytruckdrivingschool.com. (-2-9-16-23-1-8-15-22-29/3) NOW HIRING! Large Michigan company is expanding and looking to fill full-time positions immediately. Departments interviewing for Customer Service, General Labor, Management Trainees. Corporate training provided to those who qualify. 989-732-2175. (-16/3) HELP WANTED HINTS When placing a Help Wanted Classified, remember to list the job title and duties involved, whether it is full or part time, the name of company or business, mailing address for resume, or street address for walk-in applications. Crawford County Avalanche, 102 Michigan Avenue, Grayling - (989) 348-6811. | WINTER BOOK SALE sponsored by the Crawford County Friends of the Library, Feb. 14, 15, 16 & 17, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 18, 9 a.m. - noon - \$2 per bag. Stock up for your winter reading pleasure. (-2-9-16/4) ACCEPTING SNOWBLOWING JOBS for the 2011-2012 season. Business or residential. Call for free estimates. LBJ Waterworks, 989-344-8076. (-12/8/11/tf/4) NEED RUBBER STAMPS? Whether it's business cards, letterheads, stamps or business documents, we've got you covered. Call at the Avalanche at 348-6811 for more information. FULLY INSURED CLEANING SERVICE www.abi-gajsanitorialservices.com. Residential, commercial, white glove service. Special rates for disabled & veterans, 231-313-2471. (-12-19-26-2-9-16/4) D. HAWES / Driver's Training: Northern Driving School will be offering classes year-round in Grayling and surrounding areas. The only local driving school in Crawford and Roscommon counties. Segment I \$275, Segment II \$40. 989-344-2470. (05/22/08/tf/4) | BUY HERE, PAY HERE bad credit, bankruptcy, repos, OK. Easy terms, low down payment. Most monthly payments under \$200. 24 month warranties available on all vehicles. Hundreds of vehicles and thousands of happy customers. Call Rich 989-306-3656. (-2-9-16-23/4) GAMBLING PROBLEMS? Call Grace Center for help, 989-348-2544. (-6/10/10/tf/4) SOCIAL SECURITY DISABILITY John P. S. Miller Attorney. Over 30 years experience representing disability clients. No fee unless we win. 1-800-713-0077, 989-275-4131. 405 Lake Street, Roscommon, MI. (LR5/31/12/4) RTH HOME IMPROVEMENT all your interior and exterior needs. Garages, additions, drywall, painting, roofing, siding, decks, and more. Licensed and insured, free estimates. Rob Harrington 989-344-1383. (-9/16/04/tf/4) | OAK FIREWOOD \$65 face cord, 2 cord minimum. Soft wood mix \$30/cord. No checks. Marty's Firewood is now paying cash for any type of firewood. 989-390-3930. (-19-26-2-9-16-23/5) CENTRAL E-CLASSIC OUTDOOR Furnaces. Cleaner and Greener. EPA Qualified. Trade out your old outdoor furnace now and save up to \$1,500! Call today, 989-348-7484. (-2-9-16-23/5) WINTER BOOKSALE sponsored by the Crawford County Friends of the Library, Feb. 14, 15, 16 & 17, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 18, 9 a.m. - noon - \$2 per bag. Stock up for your winter reading pleasure. (-2-9-16/5) RASCAL SCOOTER \$300. Snow blower 8 HP - 2 stage \$200. Refrigerator 1 year old \$400. Gas range \$150, electric range 2 years old \$250. Call Dennis 989-390-1264. (-16-23/5) BRAND NEW SCOOTER CHAIR C-300, solid black on black. Can be used inside and out. Paid \$21,000, asking \$6,000. 348-9762. (-16/5) |
| 2. For Rent VERY NICE 3 BEDROOM, 2 bath home 1150 sq. ft., washer/dryer, \$600 plus utilities, references and deposit. No smoking, no pets, call 989-348-8627. (-12/29/11/tf/2) 2 BEDROOM HOME located in the Grayling/Lovells area. Large heated pole barn with plenty of storage, located in private association. \$600 per month plus deposit. No pets/non-smoking. 989-390-7315. (-16-23/2) MONTHLY HOME RENTALS near Grayling, Houghton Lake, Roscommon and Higgins Lake. 2 and 3 bedroom. Higgins North Property Services, 989-821-3434. (-1/13/11/tf/2) 2 BEDROOM, 1 BATH with small storage shed. Larger storage available. 15 miles from Grayling \$550 month plus utilities, 989-390-3980. (-9-16-23/2) FIND THAT VACATION CABIN OR HOME in the Avalanche For Rent Classifieds 102 Michigan Avenue, Grayling - (989) 348-6811. | CERTIFIED NURSING ASSISTANTS are you looking for a great job? We have openings for compassionate caregivers. Apply today at: Grayling Nursing and Rehabilitation, 331 Meadows Dr., Grayling. Join our caring team. (-9-16/3) L C REDI-MIX is taking applications for driving positions at its Grayling Office, located mile east of I-75 on 4 Mile Rd., for its Houghton Lake, Grayling and Gaylord locations on February 25 from 9 a.m.- 12 p.m. Applicants must apply in person. Any questions please call 989-348-7431. (-9-16-23/3) IMMEDIATE OPENINGS: Operators & Truck Drivers. Glawe Companies is looking for the right individuals to fill several positions. Heavy Equipment Operators needed for wood harvesting company. High-Tech woods equipment or related experience preferred. Home every night. Must have dependable transportation. Truck Drivers wanted. Must have valid CDL with B Train endorsement and medical card. Must have good driving record. Home every day. Company benefits include health insurance and company matching 401(k). If you are dependable and are ready to become part of our growing forestry industry, send your resume to: jchurchill@ntimberlands.com or Northern Timberlands, PO Box 337, Vanderbilt, MI 49795. EOE. (-16-23-1-8/3) | 4. Services Offered HOMETOWN HEATING AND APPLIANCE Service has same or next day service. Also, Saturday regular rates. Call now for appointment, 989-348-4252. Furnace cleaning specials going on now. Call 348-4252. (-1/5/12/tf/4) | 5. For Sale POLE BUILDINGS & GARAGES Spring Special - 24x40x10. Featuring Ultra 2000 with a 45 year warranty. Call for a free estimate 1-800-541-3974. Tom's Pole Buildings, 4050 Industrial Dr., Harrison. (-1/5/12/tf/5) OAK 15" CUT, SPLIT and delivered \$60 cord. Also snow removal - driveways, walkways and roofs, Jerry 989-348-7046. (-16/5) | HELP J. DAP Gift Shoppe and Riverland Clothing and Gifts celebrate Mardi Gras! Join us Saturday, Feb. 18 for our first "Out with the old and in with the new" storewide sale! The earlier you shop, the better the deals are! Both stores open at 8 a.m. with big savings of 40%, but only until 10 a.m.! We are wheeling and dealing all day but the deals decrease as the day goes on! Also because it is Mardi Gras, we will have yummy treats to splurge on all day and Mardi Gras beads! (sales exclude all commissioned items) So join us Saturday, Feb. 18 for all the fun! J. Dap is located in Grayling at 118 Michigan Ave., and Riverland is located at 122 Michigan Ave. (-16/5) THE CLASSIFIED - The perfect place to find a new job. (989) 348-6811. | |

1. Real Estate

Recently Foreclosed, Special Financing Available, Any Credit, Any Income

3BD, 1BTH, 1308SqFt, located at 3147 North M-18, Roscommon, \$39,000

Visit: www.roselandco.com/9ZW
 Drive by then call (866)769-4495

2. For Rent

Waterfront! 75' on Lake Margrethe, furnished 3 bedroom, 1 bath, attached 2 car garage, dock, jet ski & boat hoist, outstanding view, requires one year lease \$1,200/Month

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3. Employment

Life Problems getting you down? Call GRACE Center, 989-348-2544. (3/19/09/tf/4)

Mich-Can Statewide Classified Adoption

ADOPT A LOVING COUPLE WISHES TO ADOPT BABY. We'll provide financial security, education, and the promise of unconditional love. Expenses paid. Ryan and Kim 888-601-1559.

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ATTEND COLLEGE ONLINE FROM HOME. Medical, Business, Criminal Justice, Hospitality, Job placement assistance. Computer available. Financial Aid if qualified. SCHEV certified. Call 877-895-1828 www.CenturaOnline.com.

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AIRLINES ARE HIRING - Train for high paying Aviation Career. FAA approved program. Financial aid if qualified - Job placement assistance. Call Aviation Institute of Maintenance 877-891-2281.

Miscellaneous

HUGE MIRRORS: NEW GYM LEFT-OVERS 72"x100" MIRRORS, 7 AVAILABLE, \$145/EACH. Perfect Condition, FREE Delivery, can install. GYM RUBBER FLOORING, 4"x25"x1/2" Thick, Black w/White Fleck, 1-Roll, \$250. 1-800-473-0619

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4. Services Offered

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Century 21 RIVER COUNTRY REAL ESTATE

Pete Kocenas 989-344-1800

www.Century21Grayling.com

Whispering Pines Apartments

Whispering Pines Apartments is currently accepting applications for 1-and 2-bedroom apartments. We are accepting applications for Seniors 62 years of age and older and Handicap/Disabled persons, regardless of age. Income-based rent is available. Apartments feature walk-in closets, air conditioning and open living areas. Rent includes heat, domestic hot water and more. For more information, or to tour the property, please call (989)344-0020.

Equal Housing Opportunity. TDD 1-800-649-3777

Kirtland Community College

ADMISSIONS RECRUITMENT SPECIALIST

Kirtland Community College, located in Roscommon, Michigan is seeking qualified applicants for a part-time (32 hours per week) recruitment specialist. For the complete position description and application information, visit our website at <http://www.kirtland.edu/humanresources/jobs/recruit.htm>

Application deadline is March 2, 2012.

Equal opportunity employer.

3. Employment

8. Announcements

Northern Listings Realty

Check out all the area listings at: www.NorthernListings.com

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RESTAURANT MANAGER

TEAM Schostak Family Restaurants is one of Michigan's largest Burger King Franchises and currently has General Manager Positions available in our Bay City and Grayling Regions. The General Manager will be required to manage the day to day operations of the restaurant while maintaining the hiring and training of the team and managers. The guest experience must be a priority and something that each and every member of the team is focused on. It is important that this individual supports our Core Values which is Our People, Delighting Our Guests, Acts with Integrity and Achieves Results.

If you are a person who can execute on the above and has a great track record with systems, operations and employee development please reply! We offer an excellent benefits package which includes Health, Dental, Life, Disability, Vacation, PTO, and a 401K. With the salary there is also potential to earn a bonus!

If you are interested please respond to: www.WORK4BK.com ext. 820

WANTED

Crawford County United Way is now accepting 2012 - 2013 allocation requests. Contact Cheryl Ruley at (989) 350-4462 or email crawforduw@gmail.com for an application. Deadline: April 2, 2012

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HARRISON GOLD BUYERS will be at the Busy Bee Mall, 3451 W. Houghton Lake Dr., in Houghton Lake on Friday, Feb. 17, from 1 - 7 p.m. Buying all gold and silver items and collector coins. Call 810-338-3635 for more information. Next date March 9. (-16/6)

PHILS TOWING now paying top dollar for junk or scrap vehicles. 989-348-8787. (11/3/11/tf/6)

WANTED Junk vehicles, will haul. Paying cash. Call Gene at Wakeley's Auto Parts, 989-348-5079. (LR5/31/12/6)

WANTED TO BUY RIT-TENHOUSE cottage furniture, vintage canoe paddles and other vintage cottage stuff, 248-851-7585. (LR 3/29/12/6)

BUYING SCRAP METAL All grades. Fritz Enterprises Inc., 989-275-6041. (10/16/08/tf/6)

ANTRIM RECYCLING Don will pay you \$400 for most complete cars including catalytic converter, alloy wheels and battery. \$500 for full size 4 x 4 pickups, similarly equipped. We haul. 888-468-7313. (-1/12/16/tf/6)

8. Announcements

THE STATE AVERAGE PRICE for propane this week is \$2.48 per gallon. This message was brought to you by State of Michigan Public Service Commission and Fick & Sons Propane Service. (-16/8)

ADVERTISING DEADLINES: Regular Display - 1/2 to full page, 5 p.m. Thursday. All others 5 p.m. Friday. Classified Display - 12 noon Monday, Classified by the word - 12 noon Tuesday. These deadlines may change with notice due to holidays or special publication. (989) 348-6811.

HALL FOR RENT American Legion Post 106, Grayling. Smoke free wedding receptions, showers, parties and more. Contact manager 348-7232. (-8-22-5-19-2-16-1-15-29-12-26-10-24-7-21/8)

DEB'S HOMEMADE GOODIES sold at Flowers by Josie/Thanks a Latte. A special treat for the gourmet lovers - uptown Grayling, 212 Michigan Ave., 348-4006. (-1/5/12/tf/8)

LINE DANCING CLASS is held every Tuesday at Ramada Hotel, Grayling. Beginners 6:30 - 7:15, advanced 7:15 - 9. For more information, call 732-4878. (-9-16/8)

DICK JOSEPH was here on Feb. 10! (-16/8)

PUZZLE ANSWERS

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FICK AND SONS PROPANE - We will offer these propane prices through the month of February. 20# refills - \$15; 30# refill - \$20; 100# refill - \$65. New Customer Special - Lock in your price until May 31, 2013. Please call 800-292-9295 for details. Thank you for your business. (-2-9-16-23/8)

GUNSHOW Saturday, March 10, Grayling Ramada Inn, 9 - 4. \$5 admission. Buy, sell, trade. For more information, call 989-280-2469. (-2-9-16-23-1-8/8)

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR Place your organization's events on Crawford County's Community Calendar. Go to crawfordcountyavalanche.com, under services, to submit your event. For more information, call our office at 989-348-6811. (-3/19/09/tf/8)

10. Garage Sale

AUCTION - SATURDAY, FEB. 18, 1 p.m. indoors. Estate and final close out of antique shop. Quality antique furniture, glassware, collectibles, back room stock and supplies. Photos at auctionzip.com, use site #17137. Located at 613 Federal Hwy., 2 miles west of downtown stop light, Roscommon, MI. Step Up Auctions, 989-202-2407. (-16/10)

CAN'T FIT THE CAR IN THE GARAGE? Sell those extra goodies quick with an ad in Avalanche For Sale Classifieds. (989) 348-6811.

11. Automotive

LOOKING FOR MORE MONEY for your trade-in? We may be able to help. Call 989-889-5066, leave a message. (-1/26/12/tf/11)

WANTED DEAD OR ALIVE all autos of any size. Top pay, higher pay for late models, 989-344-9040. (-1/20/11/tf/11)

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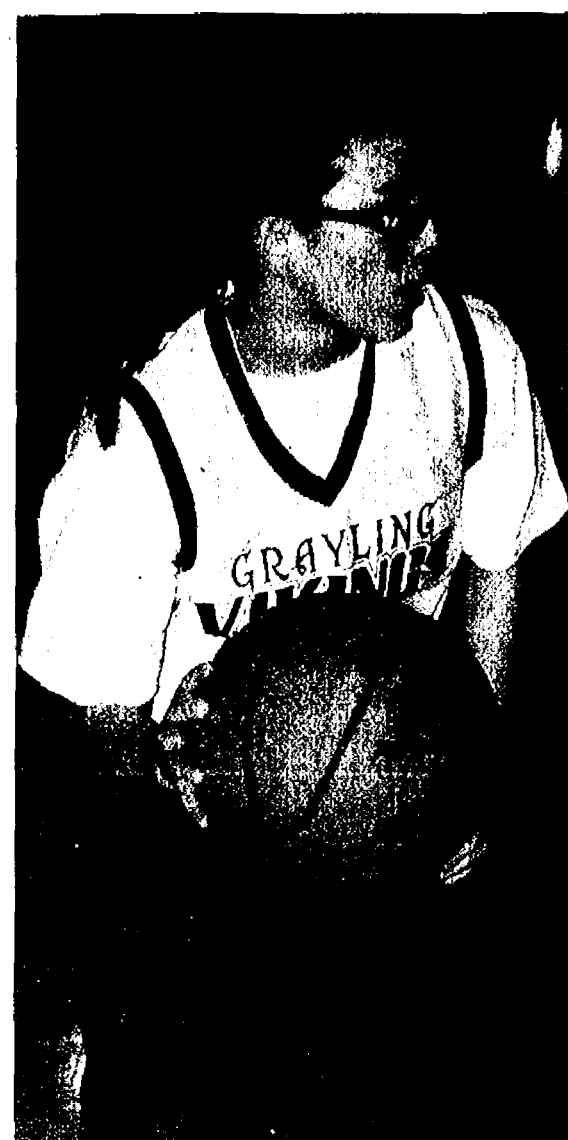
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Cass DeBusschere, left, takes an inside shot for the 8th grade team vs. East Jordan. Jordan Denton, right, dribbles the ball for GMS.

GMS Girls Basketball

7th/8th grade

Grayling Middle School's 7th/8th grade girls basketball combo team won 26-6 vs. the East Jordan Red Devils on Monday in a contest played at GMS.

Grayling held East Jordan to two points in the first half and won by 20.

7th grade

The GMS 7th grade girls basketball squad won 15-13 vs. the visiting Red Devils of East Jordan last Monday.

Grayling led 7-5 at half-time. The Vikings took a 13-9 advantage into the fourth quarter and held on to win by two.

Natalie Amy had eight points for the Vikings. Jen Sheehan scored four points. Emma Prosser had three points.

8th grade

The Grayling Middle School 8th grade girls basketball team defeated East Jordan 40-19 on Monday night.

Grayling led 20-7 at half-time. The Vikings scored the first 10 points of the



Natalie Amy drives to the basket for the 7th grade team vs. East Jordan.

third period to lead 30-7. GMS won by 21.

Erica Umlor had 14 points for the Vikings. Sally Metiva, Brittney Nielson, Jackie Bulmer, and Tyler

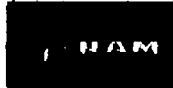
Helsel scored four points apiece. Maryn Burrell, Emily Jackson, Cass DeBusschere, Ashley Branch, and Jordan Denton each had two points.



Jen Sheehan, left, and Jacalyn Denton, right, handle the ball for Grayling's 7th grade team during Monday's game vs. EJ.



Kim Cook, left, and Lizzy VanSickle, right, shoot the ball for the 7th/8th grade combo team vs. East Jordan.



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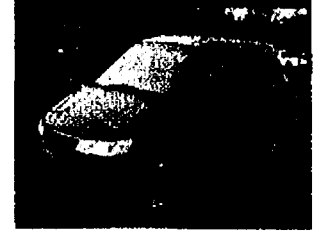
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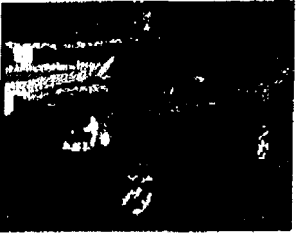
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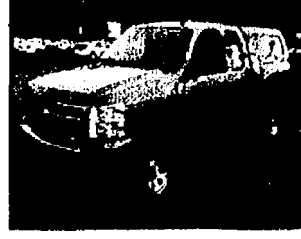


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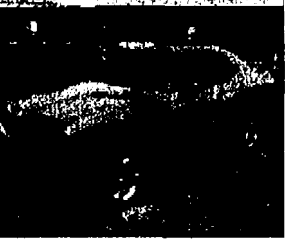
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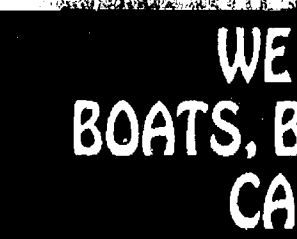
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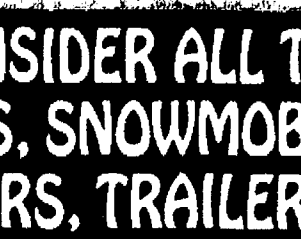
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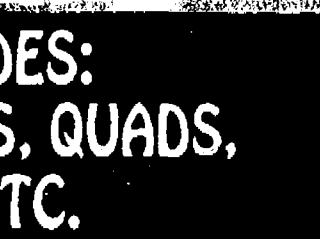
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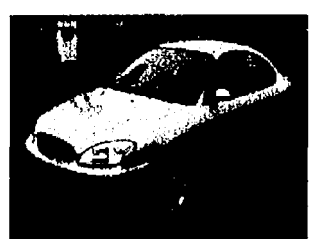
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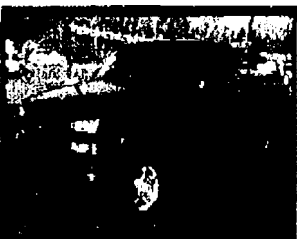
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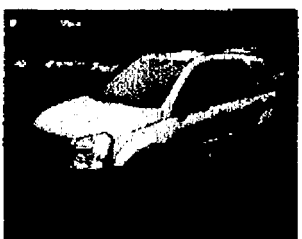
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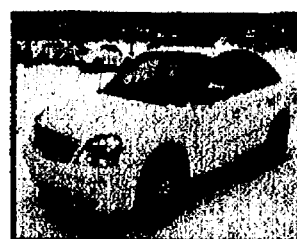
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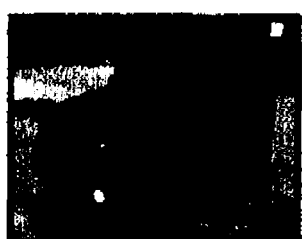
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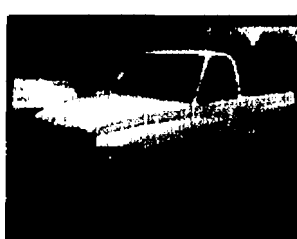
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